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PORTHCAWL LIB DEM COUNCILLOR 'DEFECTS' TO THE CONSERVATIVES

REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC

A PORTHCAWL town councillor has resigned from the Liberal Democrats and is joining the Conservatives.

David Jones, who represents the east central ward, told The GEM that he was disillusioned with the way in which the party operates on the council.

"I am a Porthcawl boy and I live in the ward that I represent. I want to do things, but I have never had any support from the other Lib Dem councillors. They are very cliquey.

"I have found myself voting against them and with the Conservatives, because I want to see things done."

Mr Jones said that he was a keen supporter of the town council's plans to build a skateboard park.

"But I was the only Lib Dem who voted in favour of the scheme, the others all voted against.

"I am also in favour of providing toilets on the promenade, but I had no support."

Mr Jones said that he found himself more in tune with the Conservative group.

"I am on the council for Porthcawl. I am not there to indulge in petty party politics. I just want to see things happen, because Porthcawl has gone downhill in recent years.

"At least most of the Conservatives seem to want to try and improve things, rather than let it all go backwards."

Mr Jones explained that he had become so disillusioned, that he stopped going to meetings for some months.

"When I did go back, none of the Lib Dems spoke to me and that was the final straw. I feel that I will be able to make suggestions and get some support from the Conservative councillors."

DAVID JONES.

Mr Jones said he had sent a letter resigning from the party to Lib Dem group leader Norah Clarke, but no-one had contacted him from the party.

He said that now he has made the switch, he would attend meetings because he felt more comfortable.

Coun Clarke told The GEM that they were very pleased when David Jones joined the Liberal Democrats and she said he had been a hard worker and a good councillor.

But she went on: "We have all been concerned that his attendance at council meetings of late has been very poor, only turning up to one meeting in the last six months.

"However, the Porthcawl Lib Dems would like to thank him for his past contribution and wish him well for the future."

Conservative group leader David Deere said that he welcomed Coun Jones's decision to resign from the Liberal Democrats, and he understood that he had applied to join the Conservative Party.

"I have invited him to join our group on the town council, which he has accepted.

"Coun David Jones has supported many of the Conservative initiatives, particularly the skate board park, where the Lib Dem group have either voted against or abstained consistently, and I welcome his involvement in moving some of our schemes forward.

"He will be a big asset to the party and we extend a warm welcome to him,." Coun Deere added.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR BRIDGEND MAN

War veteran sold MoD equipment on eBay – COURT TOLD

Report by AJ SICLUNA

AN Iraq war army veteran, who had served his country for more than 23 years, has been given a 10-month prison sentence suspended for two years at Cardiff Crown Court, for dealing in stolen Ministry of Defence equipment.

Allan Peet (46) of Bridgend, a man with no previous convictions, sold specially-designed army rucksacks and boots on eBay, said prosecutor David Webster.

Peet admitted handling stolen goods. In addition to the suspended sentence, he was ordered to carry out 250 hours unpaid work for the community, and to pay costs of £1,000.

Judge Rhys Rowlands said: "In the present climate, one is well aware that limited funds are needed for supporting those who put their lives on the line."

He said the loss to the ministry was in the region of £5,000.

He said Peet's behaviour had provided an outlet for items stolen by others.

He said the offences were out of character and Peet was of a positive good character.

He said: "It beggared belief" that he put his background and reputation at risk.

He added: "Without people such as you prepared to receive stolen property, there would be no point in it being stolen in the first place."

Mr Webster said the authorities became aware of the items being advertised for sale on eBay, including the rucksacks, which were not available to the public, and an investigation started.

Peet, he said, had joined the Parachute Regiment in 1981 and became a Company Quartermaster Sergeant.

Following an honourable discharge, he remained connected to the army and worked with cadets and at the military preparation college.

As a result of the enquiries, Peet's home was searched and a number of rucksacks were found, including boxes of items parcelled for despatch.

Some items had been ordered with forged signatures so they could be mis-appropriated.

Inquiries on eBay showed that the defendant had sold 168 rucksacks.

In addition, he had sold 64 pairs of specially designed military boots.

Peet told the police that he had bought the items in a car boot sale and claimed he had no idea they were stolen.

"It must have been as plain as day that they were." said Mr Webster.

Peet's counsel, Kevin Seal, said: "For 23 years, this man served his country honourably in Northern Ireland, the Gulf, Kosovo, Sierra Leone and Macedonia. He was in every way an exemplary soldier."

He pointed out that Peet had had the enquiry hanging over his head for two years."

"He has been stupid and naive. It was not sophisticated in any way."

He said he had worked closely with army cadets and had also helped with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

"He feels he has let individuals down and as a role model."

Peet, he said, had not spent his profits frivolously and to take away his liberty would have been a tragedy.

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Developers may have to pay up for advice

Report by Jayne Isaac

DEVELOPERS seeking advice and guidance from planning staff in Bridgend before finalising their plans may have to pay in future.

Members of the development control committee have attended a workshop on the possibility of introducing a fee to people who are considering putting in a planning application.

At the moment, developers and individuals can meet officers and discuss proposals without being charged.

The discussion paper considered at the workshop, written by David Davies, development control manager, said that the council would face challenges in the next few years in resourcing front line services.

He said that in 2009, the development department received over 1100 written requests for advice. Other advice is given at meetings and over the phone.

Most requests about whether or not planning permission is required are dealt with by an exchange of correspondence which uses officer time.

Requests as to whether or not consent would be granted need research and more detailed responses. This entails as much work as is involved in assessing a planning application for which a fee has been paid.

Sometimes, meetings need to be called and several officers are involved. But some proposals are never progressed to application stage, so no fee is paid.

Mr Davies stated that other councils that have brought in a pre-application charge have found that it focuses the minds of agents they deal with and has reduced time wasting enquiries leaving officers with more time to deal with their work.

He said that Bridgend could raise an income of five figures from introducing these charges, but staff would need to be trained to ensure that they were applying the charges consistently and not giving advice away for free.

Mr Davies told councillors that the council, like all others, was facing severe financial difficulties and funding quality services was challenging.

The planning service was not immune to the problems, especially as there had been a "substantial" drop in the number of planning applications received and a drop in planning fee income as a result.

However, the Welsh Assembly Government has encouraged councils to hold onto planning staff so that they are in place when the economy improves and applications increase. They do not want planning applications delayed because of staff shortages.

Mr Davies said that there are few opportunities to reduce costs as most of the budget of the development department goes on salaries. Planning fees are set nationally so the only option to increase revenue would be to introduce pre-application fees. Four Welsh councils have recently done so.

However, the council's regeneration and economic development manager is concerned that this scheme could produce a negative reaction amongst potential developers and said that a PR exercise is needed if charges are introduced.

The suggested fee rates would be set at £500 for advice regarding plans to build ten or more houses. Smaller scale developments would attract a fee of £150 or £250.

New buildings or extensions and alterations would pay £50 for written advice and £60 for an hour long meeting with an officer.

A report will now be prepared for the Development Control Committee on the charging proposal and if passed, would then go on to cabinet for approval. The aim is to bring in the charges from April 2011

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CARDIFF AIRPORT ANSWERS PARKING CHARGE CRITICS

I WRITE in response to the letter from Mr Crabtree in The GEM (concerning airport parking charges).

The £1 drop-off and pick-up charge introduced at Cardiff Airport is a direct consequence of the investment made to the forecourt area in front of the terminal.

If an airport is to make any alternations to the terminal front, it is required to have introduced more stringent security measures with regard to the distance between vehicles and the front, a minimum distance, preventing vehicles from being able to reach the terminal.

As Cardiff Airport has received planning permission to redevelop the terminal, it therefore must also comply with these requirements going forward.

The airport has invested in the redevelopment of the area, car parks and signage, so there is a direct relationship between the substantial cost of implementing these measures and the charge applied.

Other UK airports such as Newcastle, Birmingham, London Luton and soon to be launched Edinburgh, also operate similar drop-off and pick-up arrangements and charges.

Visitors to the airport have the option of using the new priority drop & go and priority pick-up areas outside the terminal for £1, or the free drop-off & pick-up area in the long stay 1 car park. For those with reduced mobility, there is also a special assistance vehicle operating to the front of the terminal.

Baggage trolleys are available in all of the airport car parks and these bays are checked and stocked regularly throughout the day.

I would urge Mr Crabtree to contact us directly with his complaint and leave a message with his contact information of the specified number; all complaints will be answered within five days.

Margaret James
(Head of Customer Service, Cardiff Airport)

'WE MISSED THE SHOW BECAUSE BUS WAS LATE'

LAST Wednesday morning, I set out to catch the special bus to the Vale of Glamorgan Show at Rhoose, and before leaving the house, I rang the telephone number given in The GEM to confirm times and pick-up points.

I arrived at the bus stop in St Athan in good time to catch the 11.25am bus, and stood there waiting with several other would-be passengers.

We agreed that the bus may be delayed a little due to traffic; however, when it had not appeared by 12noon, I rang the bus company and was told that: "Yes, we are running late due to traffic, the bus is in Cowbridge and should be with you in 15-20 minutes".

At 12.45pm, there was still no sign of the bus, and I rang again as by now the 11.25am was well over an hour late and the scheduled 12.25pm already 20 minutes overdue.

The response to my second call was that, of course, traffic was heavy and also the buses were picking up passengers at stops on the way. (In fact, traffic heading from Llantwit Major toward Barry was noticeably lighter than usual).

I, and the other people at the St Athan stop, agreed that the service given was totally unacceptable and decided that as EST, the bus operator, could not be trusted to give reliable service or information, we would abandon the idea of visiting the Vale show.

I would suggest that whoever is responsible for giving the contract to EST does not do so in future, but attempts to find a more reliable and customer-orientated bus company.

XV Cooper, Gileston

Foodbank thank you

A BIG thank you to local people for their support, and for volunteers who helped at the recent bag pack in Tesco's.

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Ann Griffiths

Hotel's £350,000 development

THE company behind an historic Bridgend Hotel is marking 10 successful years at the helm with a large investment in its facilities.

The Town & Country Hotels Group – which also owns The Bear Hotel and Oscars in Cowbridge and the New House country hotel in Cardiff – has invested £350,000 in the development of the coach house adjacent to the main hotel into seven luxury en-suite bedrooms at Coed-y-Mwster hotel.

This takes the total number of rooms available to 35, and in the process, has also created four additional jobs.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL AUGUST 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
19 Thur	02.16	7.7	15.06	7.6
20 Fri	03.46	7.5	16.22	7.7
21 Sat	04.57	7.9	17.25	8.3
22 Sun	05.53	8.4	18.08	8.8
23 Mon	06.35	8.8	18.54	9.2
24 Tues	07.11	9.1	19.25	9.4
25 Wed	07.43	9.3	20.01	9.5
26 Thur	08.14	9.2	20.29	9.6

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide tablespecific to their location.

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LAW-ABIDING BRACKLA MUM MADE FALSE £56,000 CLAIMS FOR BENEFITS

Report by AJ SICLUNA

A MOTHER of three who defrauded authorities of benefits of more than £56,000, has been sentenced to 36 weeks imprisonment, suspended for a year, at Cardiff Crown Court.

In addition, 36-year-old Tessa Leach, a woman with no previous convictions, of Brackla, Bridgend, was made subject to a supervision order for a year, made subject to a 13-week curfew from 8pm-7am, and to be electronically tagged.

Judge Philip Richards said: "I take into account that you are possibly entitled to some benefits. But you should have been frank with the authorities."

Prosecutor Muhu Gobir said Leach had admitted three charges of obtaining benefits by false representation.

She had falsely claimed that she was a lone parent. It was discovered that her husband had been working, sometimes as a cleaner, in a shop and for the local authority.

She had falsely claimed for income support, housing and council tax benefits.

The total involved said Mr Gobir, was £56,362. Some of the amount had been repaid, but the total would not be recouped for "a considerable period".

Defence counsel Alex Greenwood said: "Because of her circumstances at the time, she would have been entitled legitimately to £1,595 a month because of her circumstances.

"If she had frankly informed the authorities of the situation, the total loss would have been nothing like £56,000.

He described Leach as "A law-abiding citizen with many difficulties."

He said she was a carer of others and it was highly unlikely that the criminal justice system would see her again.

Said the judge: "You have to behave yourself."

ABOVE: Richard Thomas with one of his prize winning exhibits at the Royal Welsh Show.

Richard a top exhibitor at Welsh shows

IF producing top vegetables was an Olympic event, an award-winning gardener in Tondu would be a contender for a gold medal.

Richard Thomas has notched up a host of winning entries at shows across Wales in the last few years, and this year is no different.

At the Royal Welsh Show, he had the winning exhibit in the runner beans category and cauliflower section, and won prizes for 'Best in Show' and The National Vegetable Society's award for 'Most Meritorious Exhibit in Show.'

At the Gower Show, he netted eight firsts!

Richard (60) who is employed as the chauffeur for the Mayor of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Colin Teesdale, was encouraged in his hobby by his father.

He said: "I'm asked a lot at shows how I get such good results. I did get a lot of tips from my father, and tell people you only get out of the soil what you put into it.

"You have to put in a lot of effort and have to be dedicated."

Richard tends his allotment in his spare time in the evenings and over weekends.

He added: "Growing the vegetables is a pleasure for me, and I give a lot of the produce away to friends, family and local OAPs."

OBITUARY

Dewi Griffiths

04.04.1942 – 28.06.2010

DEWI GRIFFITHS was born and brought up in the Rhondda; He grew up surrounded by the family jewellery business.

Dewi grew up with a deep appreciation of and love for the things of the land, and it was a passion that stayed with him through all his years.

Indeed, as a young man it was his ambition to enter the world of farming, and he even got as far as starting a course in agriculture college, but his father was keen that Dewi should follow his own trade, and so he did a jeweller's apprenticeship in Cardiff, also spending some time in Switzerland, where he was trained in diamond milling.

Apprenticeship completed, Dewi declined an offer to work for one of the world's most renowned jewellery houses, Cartier, to set up his own business in 1962 as a jobbing jeweller, working for the trade.

He later moved into retail himself, taking on premises in Charles Street, Cardiff and The Coach House, Bridgend. His clients included the rich and famous, titled and royal households, as well as members of the public.

The one piece, though, for which Dewi will be remembered is the gold and slate hatpin commissioned for Diana, Princess of Wales.

Outside of work, Dewi and Jennifer shared their love of nature surrounded by their horses, Highland cattle, dogs and many other animals.

He was passionate about hunting and was a member of the Glamorgan Hunt, which he supported for many years. He also loved his fields where he would sit on his David Brown tractor making sure that the land was managed to perfection.

Dewi and Hugo.

Dewi was a widely-travelled man, cycling with the Rhondda Club in his youth, visiting Europe and the Far East on business, riding in Wyoming – but his favourite was when he and Jennifer explored Antarctica the first Christmas after their darling daughter, Amanda Jane, lost her battle against cancer.

It was a great blessing that Amanda had left behind a wonderful legacy in the form of baby Gwen, who became the new centre of Dewi's world, the hub of his universe.

We would like to thank family, friends, colleagues and clients for their kind words and deeds as we come to terms with the loss of this kind gentleman, jeweller, farmer and family man.

JENNIFER GRIFFITHS

IN BRIEF

CAN YOU SING? presents John Fisher, general director of Welsh National Opera, in a masterclass with young opera singers from the international summer opera course, this Sunday, August 22, at the All Saints Church in Porthcawl, at 7pm.

Admission is FREE. Donations to the Emmaus Foundation for Homeless Young People.

YOUNGSTERS will be able to float downstream with the Story Man, in Sea Legs Puppet Theatre's musical adaptation of *the Ugly Duckling* on August 27 at 12.30pm in the Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel.

Suitable for children over three years it is set on the banks of a magical river, with a host of colourful characters.

Children getting creative at the Bryngarw Park

FAMILY fun days at Bryngarw Country Park, Brynmenyn, Bridgend are proving a hit during the summer holidays.

The rangers have successfully held four family fun days with over 150 children, who took part in nature trails - following clues, answering questions and learning as they made their way around the park and scavenger hunts - identifying and collecting items from around the park such as leaves, wood and flowers.

"Children also had the opportunity to get creative; learning how to make dragon flies, face masks and jewellery from wooden cookies that come straight from the parks natural surroundings," said head warden Mike Lawton.

"With the sun shining the fun days have been very successful. They are a great way to keep the children entertained; enjoying the outdoors, keeping active and learning something new about their natural surroundings. These events are something for the whole family to enjoy and have a great day out at Bryngarw. "

BRACKLA FUN DAY

ON Saturday (August 21) there will be a family fun day at Pen y bont Primary School from 12pm - 4pm, organised by Brackla Communities First Partnership.

It will include presentations and demonstrations from Tropical Inc., accompanied by exotic animals, including mere cats, birds of prey, skunks and tarantulas.

Also featured will be African drumming, pottery a 5-a-side football tournament, stalls, music, a barbecue and cake stands.

Activities are free of charge and include entry into a raffle with the chance to win up to £125.

Telephone 01656 815121 for details.

BRIDGEND COUNCIL NEWS ROUND-UP

Locals oppose a shops plan for old Pencoed pub

BRIDGEND planners have approved a scheme to demolish the Old King's Head pub on Coychurch Road, Pencoed, and replace it with two shops.

One of these is rumoured to be a Tesco Express and a 135-strong petition opposing this was submitted to planners.

Residents have also objected because of traffic issues, as the pub is located on the main road through the town.

Bridgend's development control committee heard that the pub had been empty for over a year.

Objections were lodged by shopkeeper Mr H Patel, who said that if something like a Tesco Express came to the site, large delivery lorries would cause traffic problems and there would be car parking problems in nearby streets.

He also said that other local shops would close creating a net loss of jobs.

Other residents argued that the site was in a residential area and there was already a shop, filling station and supermarket neatby. A larger Co-op store is only 200 yards away.

Mr G Hopkins, of Glossop Terrace, argued that the area was well provided for with shops and having an extra store would not add anything to the area.

Another resident, S Walters, of Coychurch Road, said that a food store was not needed but he would not object to a shop selling non-food items like clothing which would create fewer problems and deliveries.

Others who signed a petition stated that the proposed development was out of keeping architecturally with surrounding buildings.

There was a risk of increased youth annoyance in the area with increased noise and disturbance for local residents. There were also fears about inadequate parking provision, loss of local shops and things like paper rounds, plus increased litter.

Objections were also lodged by Murco Petroleum, which owns and operates the filling station nearby.

They argued that it would affect the free flow of traffic along Coychurch Road and would cause increased parking and traffic hazards.

The application was to create 5,000 sq feet of new retail floorspace within the district centre of Pencoed. The larger shop would be 4,000 sq feet and the other would be 1,000 sq feet.

Planning officer David Llewelyn said that the new shops, which were considerably larger than almost all the other retail units in Pencoed, would "significantly add to the retail provision in Pencoed, enhancing its attractiveness and vitality."

He said that the application should be approved because it complies with council guidelines, and would not adversely affect highway safety or residential amenity to an extent where refusal was warranted.

Planning consent has been granted subject to a number of conditions and the developer giving an undertaking that delivery lorries visiting both shops will be no longer than 10.3 metres in length (approx 34 feet) .

PLANS GOING PUBLIC

CONSULTATION with the public is to take place on proposals contained within a new development brief drawn up by Bridgend County Borough Council for north-east Brackla.

The brief covers the area of Brackla Industrial estate and surrounding land. It has been drawn up by the council in conjunction with planning consultants acting on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government which owns much of the land involved.

The plan is for mixed use with land designated for high quality employment, housing and leisure, plus associated retail and open space development.

The brief says that the industrial estate required development and regeneration and the vision of the brief is to deliver a viable and vibrant place which will link the new development with existing uses whilst encouraging investment and improvement.

All the land involved has been zoned and the brief is designed to improve movement between areas to improve integration. Buildings will be built to scale and good quality open spaces will be created with new infrastructure.

Once consultation has taken place, the development control committee will be asked to approve the brief as part of interim development control guidance.

Flats scheme gets go-ahead

PLANNING officers at BCBC have been rebuffed by a planning inspector, who has overturned a decision made by Bridgend planners.

An application for a change of use from a hair salon to a two-bedroomed flat at 101 and 101A Picton Street, Nantyffyllon, was refused by BCBC, after officers argued that the site was located within the shopping area of the village and would result in the loss of a retail unit.

However, an inspector appointed by the Welsh Assembly Government ruled on appeal that the development should be permitted.

New houses for old garage site

THE old Avon garage in Bridgend Road, Maesteg, is to be developed for new houses.

Bridgend planners have approved an application from Ellerman's Property Holdings to build five 3-bedroomed terraced houses on the site of the former filling station. The site has been used most recently for car valeting.

Access would be from a single point off Bridgend Road. Three would have integral garages and eight parking spaces will be provided.

The petrol tanks still on site would have to be removed and the land cleaned up to remove any contamination.

Council planning officer David Llewelyn said that the scheme should be approved because it complies with council policy and guidelines and does not adversely affect highway safety, privacy or visual amenities.

Permission has been granted subject to a series of conditions relating to site investigation, risk assessment and measures to deal with any pollution risks or contamination

ABOVE: ALL SMILES AT THE PORTHCAWL HANDOVER.

Rotarians hand over a projector to care group

THE Rotary Club of Porthcawl recently attended the town's Trinity Church to present a high specification projector to the Trinity Care and Support Group.

President Bill Stubbs and several members of Rotary attended the presentation, along with the Mayor of Porthcawl, Mary Emment Lewis.

The support group is based at Trinity Church where they work with 54 families from across the county.

The photograph above shows some of the Care Club members, Stacy Bridger, Rita Hamblim, Julie Rowlands and Sarah Rixon, together with the manager of Trinity Care & Support Jackie Graham and her assistant Brenda Famery.

The projector, paid for by the funds raised at charity events and collections organised by the Rotary Club of Porthcawl, will be used by the group for presentations and training. TR

Tiggy's pals need homes!

LAST month, we lost our treasured cat *Susie* to kidney failure.

I didn't think we would be having another cat but after seeing an advert in The GEM, we visited the Cats Protection Centre.

Having had four cats over a period of 35 years, we knew that there had to be a mutual liking between us and any cat we choose.

Those of you who are cat owners will know that the cat actually chooses you! Whilst there were a variety of cats in the centre, there was not one that we thought we could give a home to. We didn't want to rush into having a cat; we knew there was one out there waiting for us.

Tiggy captured GEM reader's heart.

We talked about what to do next and although we live in Kenfig Hill, we decided to contact MAWS, Maesteg Animal Welfare Society.

I found their details on the internet and rang Jan Brady, who is the contact for cats. She gave me the number for Kathryn Lawless who looked after the cats while looking for homes. Kath sounded really nice on the phone and after asking us some questions, she suggested we come and have a look at the cats. We were looking for a house cat and she said she had two who may be suitable.

We went to the foster home which is in Coity and met with Kath. She took us to see the cats – there were about 20 in the enclosure, some interested in us, others couldn't be bothered, you know what cats are like.

She introduced us to one of the cats while she looked for the second one she had suggested over the phone. While 'tiny Tim' was a friendly cat, when we saw Tiggy we just knew she was for us. She was very timid, a lovely tortoiseshell white, semi-longhaired female cat.

My husband asked if it was a choice between the two of them, who needed the home the most. There was no pressure from Kath. She was very genuine and said that Tiggy didn't really like it with all the other cats.

So, we are now the proud servants of Tiggy, she sang all the way home and has made herself comfortable and although it has only been two weeks since we had her, she has made an impression on our hearts.

It is hard for all animal welfare societies, but if you are looking for a cat, don't forget to contact MAWS.

Just because Maesteg is in their title, does not mean you have to go to Maesteg; they have foster homes in Bridgend area.

Take a look at their website www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk I am so glad we did.

LINDSAY THOMAS
KENFIG HILL

BLOOD DONORS

THE Welsh Blood Service is holding donor sessions in the area next month.

If donors miss their regular session, contact 0800 252266 or visit web page www.welshblood.org.uk to find an alternative location.

BRIDGEND: Mobile Donation Clinic, Tesco Store Ltd, Cowbridge Road. To attend this session it is advisable to make an appointment as these donors will take priority.

Please call 01443 622193 or alternatively, email donor.appointments@wales.nhs. Monday, September 6: 11.15am-1.45pm and 3.15pm-7pm.

YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

Contact details: CLIVE MITCHELL
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TEL: 01656 725399
email: tynycoed1@yahoo.co.uk

Memorial concert

SAINT Michael's Church, Maesteg, is certainly used as the hub of the community – on Saturday, August 21 at 7pm, a memorial concert will raise funds for cancer research.

Music will be provided by Alex Jenkins, a university graduate, and the concert is in memory of his grandparents David and Mair Gibbs, who were stalwarts in the Maesteg community.

Unfortunately, his grandfather succumbed to cancer.

Tickets will be on sale at the door for £5 and all money raised will be donated to cancer research.

On Friday, September 3, there is another concert at the church, with music being provided by the Maesteg 'Gleemen' male voice choir.

All money raised at this concert is to go to the Alzheimer's Society, the research organisation that is trying to find prevention cures for dementia, of which Alzheimer's disease is one form.

Aberkenfig WI news

There is no meeting organised this month, so instead members of the Aberkenfig and District Women's Institute enjoyed a fish and chip lunch.

The Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes is holding its annual show at North Cornelly community Centre on August 28. The Aberkenfig branch is pleased to note that four members have submitted six entries into the various competitions.

The federation is holding its autumn council meeting at Barry Memorial Hall on Saturday, October 9 between 11am-3pm. The speaker is Frank Vickery, born in the Rhondda Valley in 1951, who has written 30 plays that capture the essence of Welsh valleys humour.

At the next meeting of Aberkenfig and District WI, Howard Mortimer will give a talk on the life and times of that great Welsh playwright and musical entertainer, Ivor Novello (born in 1893, died 1951).

The competition will be for any item beginning with the letter I, and there will be a sales table.

New members and visitors will be welcome to the meeting at 2pm on September 8 in the Welfare Hall, Heol Persondy, and Aberkenfig. More details for Aberkenfig WI can be found on www.cobwebs.uk.net.

Appeal answered

THE members of Aberkenfig Retired Person's Club have been concerned at the closure of the Central Café in the Aberkenfig Bible Church through lack of funds.

Many of them enjoyed their only hot meal of the day at the café, and the facilities provided a convivial place to meet their friends.

They will be glad to know that their call for help has been taken up by the Maesteg 'Gleemen' male voice choir, who will be putting on a concert at the church to raise funds on Friday, September 17.

The choir will be travelling to Germany the following week to perform in a concert at Essen, European City of Culture in 2010 and help to represent Wales.

The 42 members and friends recently took a coach trip to Barry Island. The next coach trip will be to Neath fair on September 9, and there are a couple of spare seats available.

The club meets at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig every Wednesday afternoon between 2pm-4pm. New members welcome.

More information can be obtained from Joyce/Tom on 01656 720823/720026.

Mining disaster

ONE of the biggest mining disasters in the south Wales coalfields occurred at the Parc Slip coal drift mine, Aberkenfig near Tondu.

This mine began production in 1864 and at the time of the disaster it was owned by North's Navigation Company.

In the early 1890s, a workforce of men and boys numbering less than 200 were producing 300 tons of coal a day from two faces.

On August 26, 1892, there were 146 men and boys inside the mine. At 8.20am, there was a massive explosion, which sent clouds of smoke and flame billowing out of the entrance to the mine.

There were two survivors in a pumping station 60 metres inside the mine, who had heard the explosion and threw themselves on the ground as the flames passed over them.

At first it was believed that the remainder of the workforce had perished. At 6am the following morning, when fresh air was circulating, rescuers began a search. They were about to give up, when four survivors appeared out of the darkness and directed the rescuers further into the mine, where others were found alive.

By 4pm in the afternoon they had brought a total of 42 miners alive, the final death toll was 112 men and boys.

Among the victims were a number of boys, who nowadays who would still be at school – a 13-year-old, two aged 14 and six aged 15. one thirteen year old, two fourteen year old and six at fifteen years old.

It was two months after the explosion that the last body was recovered. Thirty nine miners survived the disaster, 14 of them being led out by 62-year-old William Richards.

On the site of the mine, there is now a monument consisting of 112 stones to represent each of the miners.

School awards

ISLWYN THOMAS, who has retired as headteacher after 17 years at Brynmenyn Primary school, has provided information on the pupils who have been awarded certificates for their achievements and hard work over the school year.

Nursery: Jack Boobyer – language; Keeley Evans – mathematics; Ethan Lloyd – effort.

Reception: Daniel Hopkins – language; Amy Salmon - mathematics; Euan Thomas – effort.

Year-1: Morgan Edwards – language; Chloe Newman – mathematics; Elle Evans – effort.

Year-2: Meghan Parker – language; Jack Weeks - mathematics; Dimpho Tjeboko – effort.

Year-3: Charllotte Penny – language; Tom Boobyer – mathematics; Kane Walters – effort.

Year-4: Atharva Miskin – language; Ryan Marks – mathematics; Scott Ryall – effort.

Year-5: Elle Edwards – language; Daniel Kendall – mathematics; Megan Lloyd – effort.

Year-6: Rachel Randall – language; Alex Steddy – mathematics; Hamzar Anwar – science; Daisy Faulkner – effort and the MO Robbins award.

Mr Thomas has offered his successor, Mrs Claire Dale, his good wishes for success in her new post.

Public concert

OGMORE Valley male voice choir will be performing on the stage in the public park this Saturday, August 21 at 2.30pm until 3.15pm for the Aber/Blaingwynfi fun day.

On Sunday, at 12.30pm, the choir will be leading the hymn singing in Merthyr Mawr church for the wedding of Andrew Thomson and Hayley Williams.

This choir has performed wonders by purchasing and renovating the old Bethlehem chapel, which is a great achievement.

Renamed the Canolfan Bethlehem Centre, it is now a wonderful auditorium for the choir to produce concerts and rehearse in. The next concert will be on September 25.

Prospective members can obtain more information from John on 01656 841429.

Charity barbecue

THE recent barbecue for the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity, with entertainment provided by the Betws community choir at the Maesteg home of Collette Matchett, raised more than £200. Well done to everyone.

Tondu show

ONE of the oldest societies in south Wales – Tondu Horticultural Society – will be holding its annual show in the Railway Club, adjacent to the station, on August 28 at 2pm; everyone welcome.

Quiz league

HERE are four GEM Quiz League questions:

1. Which stretch of water separates Cuba from Mexico?

2. What on the human body is the Hallux?

3. Who was second, or joint runner-up in golf's open championship seven times from 1964-79?

4. Which British Prime Minister was in office at the start of the American Revolution and resigned in 1782?

A RUDGE
(Hon sec BGQL)

ANSWERS:
1 Yucatan Channel.
2 Big Toe.
3 Jack Nicklaus.
4 Lord North.

Who wants to build what and where?

Mrs A Evans – **71 Long Acre, North Cornelly** – ground floor shower room extension to rear.
Mr Turner – **46 Cwm Felin, Blackmill, Bridgend** – conservatory to rear elevation.
Millstone Construction (Wales) – **land west of 38/48 Heol Dewi Sant, Bettws, Bridgend** – revision to car parking area serving plots 21/22 (four dwellings linked).
Llangeinor Community Gardens – **former swimming pool, Llangeinor Fields, Llangeinor** – change use to community growing space including fencing and gates, access tracks, two polytunnels, two metal containers.
Mrs M Townsend – **vacant land Barnardo Street, Maesteg** – new one bedroom bungalow development.
Tesla-IMC International Ltd – **land east of Waun y Gilfach, Llangynwyd, Maesteg** – proposed 'Margam3D' seismic survey.
Persimmon Homes E/Wales Ltd – **site R21/R22 land at Parc Derwen, Bridgend** – approval of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale 72 dwellings with garages, car ports and means of enclosure.
Mr PJ Ford – **12 Locks Lane, Porthcawl** – proposed rear extension.
Cognita Schools Ltd – **St Clare's School, Clevis Lane, Newton, Porthcawl** – three-sided waste bin compound.
Mrs D Howe – **22 Castle View, Bridgend** – construct ramp for disabled person to front garden.
Nice Price Furniture Ltd – **22 Millers Avenue, Brynmenyn Industrial Estate, Bridgend** – change of use for storage, distribution and an element of retail from a small sales and showroom area.
Mrs C Curran – **land adjacent 67 Heol Fach, North Cornelly** – outline application for proposed new dwelling (three bedroom dormer bungalow).
Mr D Stokes – **Westcott Bungalow, Heol Llan, Coity** – detached garage and store, increase roof pitch and form dormers.

COURT HEARS OF FARES DISPUTE

Taxi driver 'not guilty' of assault

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

AFTER retiring for just 10 minutes, a jury at Cardiff Crown Court cleared a Bridgend taxi driver of allegations that he attacked a customer when he didn't pay his fare.

Robert Szarlat, 31, a man with no previous convictions, was unanimously found not guilty of assaulting factory worker Ryan Bloomfield and causing him actual bodily harm. Giving evidence, Szarlat, who came to Britain six years ago from Poland to find work, said Mr Bloomfield had chased and attacked him.

Mr Bloomfield told the jury that he went out on the night of October 24 and had 10 to 12 pints of lager, and five to six bottles of lager. He said he got into Szarlat's taxi to be taken to Tondu, but became concerned about the fast manner of his driving.

He said when the taxi stopped, he got out but didn't pay because of that, and because he was not taken where he had directed.

Soon after, he said, he felt a blow to the back of the head, turned, and saw Szarlat holding a stick. He suffered a head wound which needed three stitches.

Szarlat told the jury that he asked Mr Bloomfield for his money but he didn't pay him, and at one point attempted to damage the inside of his cab.

Defence counsel Kevin Seal said it was possible Mr Bloomfield suffered his injury when he fell over, leaving traces of his blood on a length of wood.

Scheme gives youngsters deserved respite

Some of the young participants on the Young Carers project.

Town Rotarians help young carers project

MEMBERS of Bridgend Rotary Club have been supporting the Action For Children, Bridgend Young Carers Project, which works with more than 40 young carers in Bridgend county.

The project allows young people aged 8-18 years of age respite opportunities in the form of groups, trips, and activities.

A Rotary spokeswoman said: "Young carers unselfishly care on a day-to-day basis for family members who may be ill, disabled, or affected by mental health problems.

"The project enables young carers to have a break from their caring responsibilities, meet other young people in similar situations, and provide a chance to have fun."

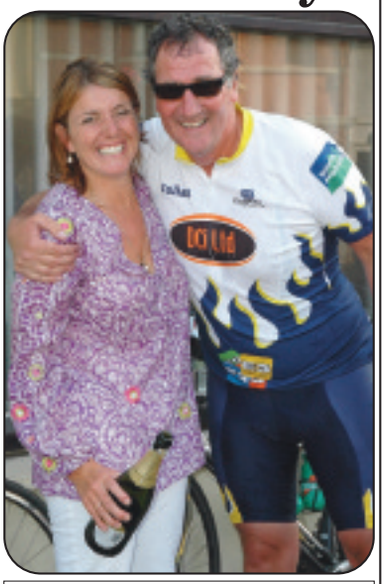
The Rotary Club of Bridgend has presented funds for two summer trips for the young carers, one to Planet Ice in Cardiff for the 11-18 age group, the other to the Gower Heritage Centre for the 8-11s.

The children had the opportunity to make pottery, see a film in the smallest cinema in Wales, watch a puppet show, visit the animals, compete in the duck race, and enjoy all the facilities while playing and having fun.

The spokeswoman said: "The Bridgend Young Caters Project is delighted with the continuing support of the Rotary Club of Bridgend, and recognises the valuable work Rotary does in the community.

"Young carers are special young people who on a day-to-day basis make a massive difference to other people's lives with the great job that they do."

Cycle ride raises funds for charity



"WELL DONE! Julian Hitchcock celebrates with family friend, Sarah Dent.

A GROUP of 14 local cyclists have returned home from a momentous 700-mile cycle journey – raising nearly £20,000 for charity.

Julian Hitchcock, the managing director of the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge, and his team began their journey at John O'Groats in the Scottish highlands on August 1, and travelled through Scotland, over to Ireland, and then back home to Cowbridge.

The 14-day journey was in aid of the Velindre Stepping Stone Appeal to fight lung cancer; the most common cancerous disease diagnosed in 2,000 new patients each year in Wales.

The Stepping Stones Appeal works to provide better funding for lung cancer research, and educational grants to doctors and nurses.

The cyclists faced the extremes of the weather while tackling mountains, lochs, seas and hills. Julian organized the venture as part of the Brains Captains' Climb, where 15 former Welsh rugby captains are attempting to climb the world's highest volcano, Mount Kilimanjaro.

The Welsh captains are hoping to raise £1million for the Stepping Stones appeal, which has been made more of a reality with Julian and his team's massive contribution.

Other cyclists who took part with Julian were Geoff Graham, Esther Hitchcock. Fred Hitchcock, Lydia Hitchcock, Harry Hitchcock, Isabel Graham, Johnnie Graham, Ed Graham, Simon Rees, Caroline Hole, Paul Hole, Jessica Rees-Hole, Rachel Price.

For more information, or to make a donation, visit their fundraising website http://www.justgiving.co.uk/Julian-Hitchcock-Geoff-Graham .

Chance to meet & greet panto society

THE Llantwit Major Pantomime Society, which draws members from throughout the area, is holding a meet and greet evening this Saturday, August 21, at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall.

We welcome anyone who would like to become involved with this well-known group who have been entertaining the community for over 30 years.

If your interest is in appearing on stage either singing, dancing or acting (or even all three!) or if your talents are more inclined to the technical aspects (sound, lighting, special effects) or the costume team (designing, making or just sewing on buttons and name tags) please come along and see us.

There will be a licensed bar and therefore we ask that children and young people are accompanied by an adult.

You'll have the opportunity to talk to our members and find out about our forthcoming production of *Puss in Boots*.

Auditions for children will be held from 10am-12noon on Sunday, September 5, in the Llantonian Hall.

Please note that children must be at least eight years of age by February 24, 2011.

For adults unable to attend the meet and greet, the first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 7, in the Llantwit Major Comprehensive School Hall, starting at 7.30pm. **LB**

Jazz time in the Bryngarw Park

Bryngarw House, Bryngarw Country Park

Wayne Warlow's Manhattan Experience will be performing classic jazz standards from the Great American Songbook in council-run Bryngarw Country Park, Brynmenyn, Bridgend, this Sunday (August 22) from 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

The final performance in the summer Music in the Park programme features American 1920s to 1960s jazz songs from Broadway and Hollywood musicals.

Admission is free, car parking £2; you are welcome to bring your own chairs or picnic rugs.

Children follow the Flame in borough's workshops

Shedding a light on Wales and the Games

LEFT:

Play 4 Life playscheme children from Ogmore Valley Life Centre are pictured with with their home made 'torches'.

CULTURAL arts and physical activity came together this summer when children in playschemes throughout the Bridgend county borough enjoyed Following the Flame craft workshops celebrating the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Play 4 Life and community playschemes organised by Bridgend County Borough Council, and supported by local town and community councils, have ensured that children enjoyed indoor and outdoor activities during the summer.

Bridgend County Borough Council's arts projects officer, Guy O'Donnell, reported: "Children from playschemes throughout the county borough were really excited and enthusiastic about the Olympic themed workshops.

"Through making their own torches, they have learnt all about the area's proud history in the Olympic and Paralympic Games."

The Following the Flame workshops have been taking place throughout the county borough since the beginning of the year,

They gathered information from members of the public to explore and celebrate the inspiring and (often forgotten) Welsh men and women who have attended the Games – whether as competitors, officials, coaches or spectators

Also, the impact the Games has had on the Welsh nation.

'Swishing party' at Porthcawl

PORTHCAWL-BASED charity, Sustainable Wales, is holding its first Swishing Party at John Street, Porthcawl on August 26 at 7pm.

"The aim is to swap items that no longer fit or suit, to save money, save the planet and have a party!" a spokeswoman explained.

"Everyone should bring at least one item that they would feel proud to hand on".

(Donations of designer frocks, items and accessories in advance are welcome).

Men and women's changing rooms are available.

Contact 01656 783405 or email mm@sustainablewales.org.uk

NEWS FROM THE PORTHCAWL LIONS

ON Friday, August 27, Porthcawl Lions will be distributing publicity leaflets for the prostate charity GLAZE at the Bandstand in John Street.

On Saturday, August 28, the Lions will be cleaning the foreshore between Rest Bay and Sker Rocks from 10am-12noon. Meet at the Rest Hotel, Rest Bay. All are welcome.

Finally, over the three days, August 28-30, Porthcawl Lions have a massive book sale at the Seabank Hotel from 10am-4pm daily. (Free admission). ***SW***

'SO SWEET' JESS IS STILL WAITING A NEW OWNER TO TAKE HER HOME

'Invisible' Jess is looking for a home

SOLID and independent, Jess is a 4-5 year old terrier-cross bitch who has been with Porthcawl Animal Welfare Society for several months – far longer than anyone would have thought.

"Being a lovely size with an even personality, we thought she'd be rehomed quickly – and yet she is still with us", says Helga Collier, Rehoming co-ordinator.

"With her wiry ginger-brown fur, Jess is described by her handlers as "very sweet". She is an in-between size – not large, not small. She has a solid pace and doesn't stand out from the crowd.

"It's almost as though she doesn't get seen. There are always other dogs with bigger personalities who tend to hog the limelight and get rehomed first", says Helga.

Quite independent, Jess likes the occasional fuss, but she doesn't enjoy other dogs at all and will bark at them. She far prefers the company of humans and may play well with older children.

"The volunteers at the charity have found her to be a great companion who is crazy about chasing the ball."

If any reader thinks Jess deserves to be noticed and wants to give her a loving home, or would like to arrange other homeless cats and dogs, contact Helga (dogs) on 078149 26253 or Michelle (cats) on 01656 789391.

Alternatively, support the rescued cats and dogs by visiting the PAWS Charity shop situated at 3 Lias Road, Porthcawl (near the pedestrian crossing). The shop is open for purchases and donations from 9.30am-4pm Mon-Sat; telephone number 01656 773307.

Who wants to build what and where?

Bridgend College – **Bridgend College, Cowbridge Road, Bridgend** – two non-illuminated hoardings.
Mr C Rawlings – **14 Coed Parc Court, Bridgend** – remove side branches to reduce height to approximately 8 feet from ground level.
Mrs K Russell – **Newton Court, 13 Newton Nottage road, Porthcawl** – fell and remove one Robina.
Ms D Fletcher – **14 Cwrt y Coed, Brackla, Bridgend** – various works to various trees.
Mr J Welsh – **15 Cwrt y Coed, Brackla, Bridgend** – various works to various trees.
Mr Kabal Taak – **Bettws Post Office, Woodland Close, Bettws, Bridgend** – change of use to a fish and chip shop and other hot food.
Mr P Evans – **27 Park Terrace, Tondu, Bridgend** – replace existing door and windows to rear lean-to with uPVC items.
Mr C Laugharne – **14 Crown Rise, Maesteg** – convert attached garage into study and construct new double detached garage with store/workshop above.
SA Brain & Co Limited – **Ancient Briton, Clevis Hill, Porthcawl** – relocation of kitchen and gents' WC.
Mr M Phillips – **178 Ty Gwyn Drive, Brackla, Bridgend** – erect conservatory.
JB Directors Trust – **Market Building, 25 and 25A Talbot Street, Maesteg** – refurbishment and alterations internally and externally with associated mechanical and electrical works.
Mr and Mrs T Offers – **7 Maes-yr-Haf, North Cornelly** – erection of detached garage.
Mrs Carol Griffiths – **11 Willow Close, Porthcawl** – conversion of roof space to accommodate three bedrooms and bathroom.
Mrs Ruth Price – **28 Glanogwr Road, Bridgend** – two storey extension to existing house.
Mr A Moon – **37 Brynteg Avenue, Bridgend** – conservatory to rear.
Mr P Colston – **7 Garnwen Road, Maesteg** – two storey extension to rear and bay window to front.
Mr M Lewis – **5 Prince Road, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend** – proposed one and two bedroom flats in existing building.
Barratt South Wales – **land at Maendy Farm, Bryncethin, Bridgend** – amended house type at Plot 37.

Has Porthcawl learned to 'cherish' the 'Bottle Bank'?

Will Porthcawl ever come to love Esplanade House? Or is the award-winning building destined to be the 'Bottle Bank' for ever? For comparison purposes, local photographer MALCOLM NUGENT has supplied The GEM with these two images. It should be pointed out, perhaps, that the old Esplanade Hotel looked good from a distance in the sunlight, even though it was soon to be demolished. Up close, of course, it was looking less than pristine.

Time has passed, but there are plenty of locals who still get irate when the new building looms into view. When it was on the drawing board, architects claimed that it would remind people of an ocean-going liner, with the round windows looking like port holes. That 'Bottle Bank' nickname must have hurt.

Of course, there were hurt feelings on both sides. When the Royal Society of Architects in Wales (RSAW) praised its mix of "humour, charm, intelligence, populism and solid architectural pragmatism", the Porthcawl Civic Trust sent a letter disagreeing strongly. The Guardian newspaper made a rare foray into the area to report the row, coming to the conclusion that what impresses architects won't necessarily impress the general public.

The RSAW was quoted as saying: "This is the kind of building some will profess to dislike, but which the majority of locals and regular visitors will come to cherish."

THAT WAS THREE YEARS AGO. ARE WE ALL CHERISHING IT YET?

TRAGIC DEATH OF BABY

VALE COUPLE CAMPAIGN FOR TESTING OF RARE GENETIC CONDITION

by TIM CHAPMAN

A heartbroken couple, whose eight-month-old daughter died from a rare condition they were unaware of, want to turn the tragedy into something positive and are campaigning for screening in Wales to save children's lives.

David Williams (43) and his wife Nicola (24) suffered a nightmare return flight from the Canary Islands to Bristol Airport last year when their daughter Sofia Jasmine stopped breathing.

The Barry couple have launched a website *http://mcadangel09.weebly.com* to raise awareness of the condition that Sofia suffered from, and it also tells the story of what happened on the flight.

On the website, Nicola recalls that the emergency began half an hour before landing:

"I strapped Sofia into her belt and she snuggled into my arm. I stroked Sofia's chubby cheek – she opened her eyes and looked straight into my eyes.

"She snuggled into my arm and lifted her arm onto my fingers...suddenly she stopped breathing.

"I screamed... Suddenly my heart was beating at 100mph. My body was shaking and my eyes were filling up with tears."

Members of the crew attempted CPR, and on landing, Sofia was rushed to the Bristol Children's Hospital and into the resuscitation room.

There doctors worked on her for about 15 minutes. Tragically, Sofia died that afternoon.

This week, David told The GEM the couple wanted to turn the tragic event into something positive.

"It is not about being bitter, we are appealing to people to visit our web page and to get your kids checked out.

"We want to warn people this is a deadly, deadly disease.

"We are supporting a charity called Climb, which is raising awarness of the condition that Sofia had.

"A speaker from Climb will be doing a presentation at a golf day we are helping to organise at St Andrews Major on September 30."

The disease concerned is medium chain acyl-dehydrogenase deficiency (MCADD) a rare inherited disorder that interrupts the breakdown of fat.

The couple only discovered they carry the condition themselves after Sofia died.

Mr Williams explained: "Children are screened in England, but screening is not available in Wales until 2011 – we want to see it happen now.

"If Sofia had been screened, we would have known about the condition – there are ways of treating it, such as with glucose drinks."

David added: "As a family, we are managing on a day to day basis.

"We think of Sofia all the time and go up to Barry Cemetery virtually every day."

The symptoms of MCADD usually manifest themselves at between three months and three years old, particularly after a period of fasting, infection or stress.

The symptoms vary, but can include drowsiness, lack of energy, diarrhoea, vomiting, or low blood sugar levels.

The GEM will provide more details of the golf day at St Andrews Major as they become available.

Bridgend College dance group sweeps into Channel Five final

Last week, The GEM featured the young hopefuls from Bridgend College, the all-singing, all-dancing TrueDynaMix, who were competing in Channel Five's new show 'Don't Stop Believing'.

It's time to congratulate the boys and girls, who are now looking forward to the final this Sunday, after being run-away winners of their heat last Sunday.

The group were thrilled by the reaction of judges, Anastacia, Duncan James and Tamzin Outhwaite, who practically ordered the audience at home to vote for the group – declaring them the best on the night by a mile, and strong contenders for the final.

The group are now hard at work creating a new number for that final.

TrueDynaMix are made up of Shakara Brown, Greg Sage, Laura Billington, Callum Jones, Jalisa Andrews, Dale Evans, Adam Taylor, Kate Wyatt, Jodi Nicholson, Holly Bluett, Yasmin Khalil, Luke Morrissey, Gareth Jones and Rachel Thomas.

Quiz League queries

HERE are four-for-thought GEM Quiz League questions:

1. *Which very dense element sometimes used for fountain pen nibs was discovered by Smithson Tennant in 1803?*

2. *"He was the only kid ever to get into trouble before he was born", was the tag line of which 1985 Michael J Fox film?*

3. *Which boxer, born in Memphis in 1958 and raised in Detroit won world titles at all weights from welterweight up to light-heavyweight during his career?*

4. *Who wrote the words 'Rough winds do shake the Darling Buds of May, And summers lease hath all too short a date?*

ALAN RUDGE
(Hon sec BGQL)

ANSWERS:
1) Osmium.
2) Back to the Future.
3) Thomas Hearns.
4) William Shakespeare.

Ready to scale the heights!

Christopher Woosnam, Arran Evans, Richard Barakat, Mark Nunn, Lewis Masling, Roger Nunn, Thomas Hockridge, Justin Davies, Lance Thomas.

POLICE STAFF TAKE ON THE THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

A TOTAL of 11 members of staff from South Wales Police will be put through their paces this weekend as they tackle the Three Peaks Challenge.

The event will see the volunteers trek a gruelling 20 miles up to the peaks of Snowdon, Cadir Idris, and Pen y Fan on Saturday and Sunday.

IT consultant Roger Nunn has organised the event to raise awareness of Hidradenitis Suppurativa – a debilitating skin condition caused by deep and painful abscesses that build up in body tissue.

The climb has been named the 'Noreli Challenge' – in memory of the founder of the HS support group, who died last year.

The walk will be particularly poignant for Roger, as his wife has suffered severely from the illness over the years. He said: "I've watched my wife being eaten away by this condition, and it is heartbreaking.

"She is truly remarkable for the bravery she has shown in battling through eight major operations and several bouts of septicaemia. She refuses to let her illness beat her."

Roger hopes to raise money for research into a cure for the rare condition by taking on the famous Three Peaks: "As it can be hereditary, we would love to find a cure, so that our children may not have to go through the suffering their mother has.

"I hope the challenge this weekend will raise both the money and awareness that the cause deserves."

To sponsor Roger and his team on the Noreli Challenge, visit www.justgiving.com/roger-nunn

Barry community shocked as boy (seven) loses eye

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A PICNIC in a park at Barry Island turned to horror when a youngster was struck in the eye by a stone.

Despite being rushed to hospital, the boy's eye could not be saved.

The incident took place at Maslin Park on Barry Island, a popular area for local children and families.

At around 2pm on Tuesday, August 3, the boy's family were having a picnic in the park when the incident occurred.

Police in Barry said they were conducting a joint investigation with the Health and Safety Executive to establish the circumstances surrounding the incident which resulted in the seven-year-old losing his eye.

A police spokesman said: "He was taken to hospital and underwent surgery but the eye could not be saved.

"The investigation is looking to establish whether the stone was thrown up from a grass cutting machine, which was being used in the area at the time of the incident."

A spokesman for the Health and Safety Executive confirmed: "We are aware of the incident and are investigating, in conjunction with South Wales Police."

Miles Punter, the head of visible services at the Vale Council, commented: "We *would like to express our deepest sympathies to the young boy and his family.*

"This is obviously a very distressing experience for them.

"The incident is currently under investigation and it would be inappropriate for us to comment at this stage."

The local councillor, Steffan Wiliam, urged anyone living opposite Maslin Park, or passing nearby at the time of the incident, who may have helpful information, to contact the police, adding:

"The whole community has great sympathy for the family."

Any witnesses should contact the police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Safer Bridgend get a radio spot

SAFER Bridgend Community Safety Partnership has secured a weekly information spot on the Lee Jukes breakfast show on Bridge FM.

Every Tuesday morning at 10.20am, Deborah Elward, Safer Bridgend crime reduction tactical advisor will be chatting about community safety issues.

Topics already discussed have included home burglary and car crime and have raised awareness that there is much residents can do to make their homes secure and reduce the chances of becoming a victim of the passing opportunist thief.

GLAMORGAN WI SHOW

AFTER its success last year, the Glamorgan *WI show will again be held in North Cornelly Community Centre on Saturday, August 28, from 10am-6pm.*

Refreshments will be on sale throughout the day. Cost of entry: Adults £2, accompanied children under-10 years, admitted free.

The theme this year is 'down the Garden Path'. There will be more than 1,600 entries in 21 classes, including craft, baking, preserves, art, photogrpahy and flower arranging.

Members will take part from Cowbridge, Bridgend and the surrounding villages.

For further information, contact Shena Sarjeant (01446 774703).

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DOTTIE.

Sensitive Dottie needs a kind (but firm) hand

THIS WEEK: Dottie is an eight years (*plus*) terrier who a spokeswoman says is quick to over-react when handled or restrained.

"She is also quite a strong character, independent and quick to rule the roost if allowed.

"She is currently extremely overweight and struggles with exercise, but with a correct diet and gentle exercise, she'll soon build up her fitness, as she does love her walks.

"She takes time to build up a bond with someone and fully trust them but once she does, she is loving and loyal.

"She is housetrained and fine to be left for a few hours.{

Type of home needed: "She needs an experienced owner who is able to continue her training with regard to being handled.

"She needs an adult-only home and she needs to be the only dog in the home.

"*Please consider her, as she is really missing a home environment and the company of an owner.*"

'Those with Welsh ancestry have great pride'

Australian PM's message to the people of Barry

The Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard MP, has sent a message of thanks to the people of Barry and says she hopes to revisit the town in the future.

The message was delivered from Down Under by Frances Bedford an MP from South Australia, who visited the Senedd and met Vale Assembly Member Jane Hutt.

The message was formally presented to the Mayor of Barry Town Council, Coun Karl Kuhnell, by Jane Hutt in the Mayor's Parlour, on August 16.

The message read:

"*Countless families have emigrated from Wales to every corner of the world over the past few centuries, but all of us who share Welsh ancestry remember our origins with great pride.*

"*When I set off from Southampton on a ship bound for Australia as a four-year-old, I knew that in finding a new home I would never forget my old one – and I never have.*

"*Wales and the beautiful seaside town of Barry hold a special place in my heart and I still have memories of playing in Queen Street as child and my return visit as a teenager in the late 1970s.*

"*I was deeply touched and humbled by the messages of support from the mayor and people of Barry when I became Prime Minister of Australia, and hope to be able to return that kindness with a visit in the future.*

"*Meanwhile, I wish the people of Barry every success, confident that the spirit and tenacity of the Welsh character will bring your community a bright future.*"

Francis Bedford also brought two gifts – a gold medallion issued by the South Australian Parliament and a photograph of her with Julia Gillard.

Coun Karl Kuhnell said he was pleased to receive the message and gifts on behalf of the town.

C & G Morgan & Son win Great Taste Awards for the third, consecutive year!

C & G Morgan & Son from Blackmill, Bridgend, is celebrating after winning a prestigious UK Great Taste Award once again.

Last year the company was presented with a coveted three star Gold Great Taste Award for its rib of beef, together with a one star Gold Great Taste Award for its sirloin steak.

It is the third year in succession that Charles, Gill and their son Richard, have won a Great Taste Award, this year for their rib-eye steak.

C & G Morgan & Son is a ninth generation farming family business which runs a typical Welsh hill farm known as Gellifeddgaer on the outskirts of Bridgend.

It rears quality lamb, beef and pork, selling produce from its farm gate as well as at the Bridgend and Caerphilly Farmers' Markets.

The family began selling direct 11 years ago with the formation of the Bridgend Farmers' Market and have been actively involved with the organisation throughout this time, regularly attending the monthly markets held at Porthcawl.

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Resignation shock

I FEEL I must write to express my complete surprise and shock that Coun Richard Bertin of Barry has decided to resign from the Labour party – after claims that he was bullied and harassed.

Whenever I have met Richard he has always been a staunch and loyal supporter of the Labour party. For him to resign from the party to which he has given so much time and dedication must have been a major decision.

I hope his accusations of bullying are thoroughly and independently investigated by the national party, as the Labour movement cannot afford to lose hard working and committed councillors like Richard.

Gareth Evans, Cardiff

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Eisteddfod: we have a great story to tell

Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

THE GEM has reported recently that the National Eisteddfod of Wales is coming to Llandow in 2012.

The weeklong event during the first week in August will attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Vale. It is the premier Welsh cultural festival, and I should add that it is not for Welsh speakers exclusively.

The week is made up of cultural competitions, political lobbying, sports initiatives, music, dance visual arts, launches of public and private initiatives and much more.

Science and technology has also become a greater part of the festival over recent years as it has adapted to changing demands. People of all ages will find plenty to do.

It is where Wales comes together in so many ways. When I attended this year's event in Ebbw Vale, the first people I met were ladies from Cowbridge Merched y Wawr – the Welsh WI.

They were championing the benefits of their organisation and welcoming people for teas and coffee, while raising money for charity in the process.

I am aware that the Vale Council, local farmers and the National Eisteddfod have been in negotiations for some time and we now need to make sure that the event is also a win for the local community and economy.

There is no doubt that hotels, guesthouses and B&Bs will all sell out. I suspect that some pubs will also do well! However, we need to ensure that local communities gain the wider financial benefit.

The Eisteddfod organisers estimate that the economic benefit for the area is in the region of £6-£8 million. However, having been to almost every Eisteddfod for the last 30 years, there is a challenge channelling that spend outside of the festival perimeter.

One café in Ebbw Vale highlighted that they had gone to the effort of translating their menus, but did not feel the gain from increased custom.

We have a great story to sell locally. During the two-year run-up to the festival, we need to be drawing attention to the fantastic shopping delights of Cowbridge, Llantwit and Barry, the privilege of the heritage coast, the challenge of local cycle routes, the delight of our local history both ancient and modern, including (of course) our Barry link to Gwynfor Evans, the Welsh language campaigner.

The Eisteddfod has a part to play in this but so do we. There will be some difficulties like traffic congestion during the week, but I hope that everyone will put those aside because shops, bars, restaurants and other businesses are winning, too.

College cyclists pedal to the aid of Barnardo's!

Left to right: Rachel Madge, David Davies, Paul Glover, Ken Allen, Paul Sebburn and Sue Jones.

STUDENTS and staff from Barry College joined together to raise nearly £1,300 for Barnardo's Cymru with a charity bike ride.

The nine cyclists joined the Barnardo's South Wales 'On Your Bike' ride, a 38-mile sponsored cycle through the Vale.

Barry College assistant head of construction David Davies, wood trades tutor Ken Allen, brickwork lecturer Paul Sebburn, part-time brickwork lecturer Paul Glover and Sue Jones who works in the college coffee shop, were joined by a group of five construction students: Alex Brereton, Nicholas Minardi, Simon Prideaux and Stephen Murray. Friends Bra Jones and Scott Jones also took part.

They raised £1,289.66 for Barnado's. Rachel Madge, events fundraiser for Barnardo's Cymru said: "We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part from Barry College. The amount raised is absolutely fantastic and will make a big difference to vulnerable children and young people in the area."

THREE HOUSES RAIDED, COURT TOLD

Local men went on 'burglary epidemic'

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

TWO young men from Barry took part in a burglary "epidemic" in Penarth one night in June.

They raided three houses and made off in two cars, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Russell Crowe (18) and Thomas Crolla (18) were each sent to a young offender institution for 14 months.

Each had pleaded guilty at Vale of Glamorgan Magistrates Court to three offences of burglary and two of taking vehicles without authority.

Judge Rhys Rowlands told them: "You acted together, the offences were at night, and no fewer than three houses were involved."

He added: "I hope you will grow up and start to behave."

Prosecutor Carl Williams said on the night of June 5, the three went on "something of a burglary spree" in Penarth.

Their first target was to raid a house in Victoria Road, where the occupants were asleep.

They took a plasma television and other items and also made off in a Mercedes 4x4, which was crashed into a wall in the drive, causing damage of £1,500; and also taken was a Nissan Almeira, which was found abandoned in Archer Road.

They then broke into a house in Stanwell Road, where the occupiers were out visiting friends. Electrical items were taken.

The next house they entered was in Westbourne Road.

Later, said Mr Williams, the two were heard boasting about their crimes.

When arrested, Crowe admitted the burglaries, and said the two of them were drunk and "skint".

Keith Edwards for Crowe, said: "As a result of this burglary epidemic, he knows he will be going into custody.

"Although it was a crime wave, nothing of sentimental value was taken.

"He has recently become somewhat destabilised because of a family bereavement."

David Purnell for Crolla, said:

"For the last two years, he has behaved in an immature way.

"Sadly, he is easily impressed, but he did have some empathy with the victims."

Ty Hafan winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number 631.

- **£2000:** 188483.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £4,500 was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 208806; 895863; 225931; 786593; 505927; 470368; 202922; 495000; 366714; 705309; 419822; 500534; 850375; 567580; 518148; 578391; 385552; 353334; 750995; 657854.
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

WEAVERS' TALK

THE Glamorgan Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers will present a talk on Wednesday, September 8, entitled 'Handwoven Letters' by Colin Squire.

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DISABILITY DANCE PERFORMANCE IS 'PICTURE PERFECT'

RIGHT: Disability dance group Local Motion performing their 'Picture Perfect' routine at the YMCA in Barry.

DISABILITY dance group 'Local Motion' has celebrated another successful year in the Vale by putting on a special dance performance at the YMCA in Barry.

Dancers with a range of disabilities and special needs performed their piece 'Picture Perfect' in front of an audience at the Motion Control dance programme's summer dance recital. They joined more than 100 other young people who showed off the skills they had learned at dance sessions throughout the year.

The 'Local Motion' group had been working on this particular routine for six weeks, after the moves were choreographed by dance tutors Sophie Squires and Sam Barnett.

Delighted with the performance, dance co-ordinator Emma Mallam said: "Dance is a great activity for all ages and abilities. It really broadens your horizons and the 'Local Motion' dancers have developed the skills required to perform in front of audiences with confidence and enjoyment."

Local Motion is funded by Children in Need, and dance is just one of the many varied sporting activities that are available in the Vale for people with disabilities and special needs.

To find out more, contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Disability Sport Wales development officer Simon Jones on 01446 704728.

'Local Motion' and other dance classes run by Vibe Experience will resume in September - *for further details, contact Emma Mallam on 01446 733622.*

Cage's Apprentice is not quite as magical as hoped for

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

IF there is one film producer out there who enjoys taking gambles it's Jerry Bruckheimer.

From making a film about a theme park ride that proceeded to slay box offices (*Pirates of the Carribean*), to making summer blockbusters that arrive with a bang and are a commercial, if not always critical, success, Bruckheimer is always at the forefront, arguably the most important figure in the films he produces.

His latest film, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, draws its inspiration from the sequence of the same name in Disney's *Fantasia*, but transported to modern day New York and in live-action.

Balthazar Blake (Nicolas Cage) is a master sorcerer attempting to defend the city from his arch-nemesis, Maxim Horvath (Alfred Molina). Looking for assistance in his fight, he recruits Dave Stutler (Jay Baruchel), who is given a crash course in the art and science of magic in the hope that he is the 'prime Merlinean'.

Together, the pair must band together to stop Horvath, and his apprentice Drake (Toby Kebbel) from raising a feared witch whose aim is to take over the world...

Nicolas Cage has had somewhat of a patchy decade, but one area where he can seemingly do no wrong is with films for a younger audience.

While the likes of *Bangkok Dangerous* and *Next* have proven to be as enjoyable as a road trip with George Michael, he has hit commercial paydirt with the likes of the *National Treasure* franchise, while also recently lending his vocal talents to the likes of *Astro Boy* and *G-Force*.

Seemingly, the actor is enjoying making more child-friendly fare, and *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* fits snugly into this description; however, much like the *National Treasure* films, this is a fleetingly pleasing, and insubstantial, affair that will entertain but not live long in the memory.

Cage's manic energy and unique acting style means that even in the most woeful of films he is watchable, and the same can be said here, with the actor offering a nice turn that hardly stretches his acting muscles.

However, given that he is playing an ancient sorcerer, you'd think that Cage would loosen the shackles a little bit and offer something a bit more interesting and exciting. As it is, he simply plays the wizened tutor role, something that he does well, but you can't help but feel this role was Cage's opportunity to do a Johnny Depp and create an indelible character, rather than a token one.

Opposite him sees Jay Baruchel take a massive leap from supporting player in the likes of *Tropic Thunder* and Judd Apatow's films, to co-lead in a summer blockbuster. It's a transformation that is not completely smooth, the actor finding his way through the early part of the film, but his likeability and charm makes him an easy to root for hero.

It's a shame that he and Cage aren't given more of an opportunity to show the teacher-apprentice relationship, the film minimising their repartee. A nice little moment where Balthazar pretends to be Dave's uncle is the only moment of this, and a few more of them wouldn't have gone amiss.

While Toby Kebbel's screen talent is wasted in a slight and underwhelming turn as Horvath's apprentice, Alfred Molina makes a wonderful meal of the scenery as the evil Horvath.

Dapperly dressed and ready for action, Molina does a good line in arch villains, and here, while he's a touch low-key, the performance works, the scenes between him and Cage sparking very well.

Considering the large amount of box office money his films have raked in, Jon Turteltaub is somewhat of an anonymous director, his films well made and executed, but lacking in any individuality or identity, and the same can be said here.

While he turns New York into a gothic world of magic and mystery where anything can be used, including, cleverly, an eagle from the side of the Chrysler Building, and offers value for money in terms of the spectacle, there is little here that Turteltaub hasn't mined before. His pass at the actual 'Sorcerer's Apprentice' sequence involving the mops is similarly technically superb, but lacks the heart of the original – plus the rejigged musical cue doesn't help matters.

The director's grasp of using effects works in spades – it is a film that hardly skimps on the CGI budget – but there is little spirit to proceedings, something that is highlighted by the climax's failure to really resonate. With the stakes involved for the characters being so high, the impact is severely lacking – and its rushed nature detracts from what is on screen.

With script input from six writers, the story is as solid as you would expect, the mix of mythology and the modern day sitting nicely alongside Turteltaub's visuals, but the characters and their motivations are too lightly sketched.

Of course, these criticisms are hardly going to bother the audience the film is aimed at – after all, the important factors that provide entertainment are all well done.

However, as a piece of work it is a serviceable portion of entertainment and nothing more, which is a shame as *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* had the scope to be more.

VERDICT – Satisfying if a touch too flat, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* will be more than magical to the target audience given how well executed the effects and spectacle are. But the rest of the film feels too lacklustre to really match the strong visual element and makes for entertaining, if slight, work. *Enjoyable*.

NSPCC thanks GEM

I WOULD like to thank The GEM for the very nice coverage in last week's paper of our garden party. I am sure all the committee members will join me in thanking you for the full page spread and the nice photographs.

Hilary Kelly
(Press Secretary NSPCC Barry Central Branch)

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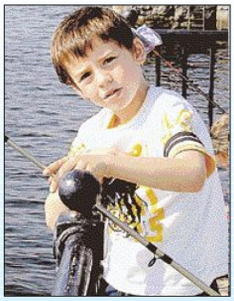

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Out and About with The GEM

Rehearsals under way for Sully play

Chris Franks AM at the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, Sully.

THERE was an 'extra' at a Sully drama school's rehearsal for their latest play.

Plaid Cymru AM Chris Franks attended a class for children preparing for their African-themed play 'How the Lion got His Roar'.

The South Wales Central AM said: "The children were outstanding and the costumes looked excellent. It was obvious everyone had worked hard on the project. Drama seems a good way for children to get confidence.

"The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy is involved in an ambulance appeal to raise money to improve the health of people in Tanzania, in Africa. This is a good way to get young people and children to consider the lives of others across the world."

More information is available on the website www.villageafrica.org.uk

All the fun of the fair!

COSMESTON Medieval Village is holding a fair on August 29-30 at 11am-5pm.

War with the French, plague and famine – the 'good old days of 1350' were dark and terrible times – but they still know how to have fun at Cosmeston!

A rebuilt medieval community with villagers, animals, gardens and buildings full of artefacts will demonstrate what life was like over 600 years ago!

There will be armoured warriors, battling with sword and axe, falconry, have a go archery and mumming.

There will also be games and craft stalls.

It all promises to be a fun day out at the Cosmeston Medieval Village!

Admission: Adults £5, children, OAPs and concessions £3, family (2+2) £12.

For further information, call 029 2070 1678.

Long distance cycle ride for charity funds

LOCAL residents Simon Mudie of Llandough and Jessica Hill, enthusiastic volunteers with MDF The Bipolar Organisation, are cycling 1,000 miles from John O'Groats to Lands End, on August 25 to September 9.

Simon says: "People have been very generous, and we've been pleasantly surprised how willingly they have talked about mental health once the subject is broached.

"This opening up process is the very core of what we are all doing, as it provides the gateway to mutual understanding ,seeking support, and a greater sense of social cohesiveness after breaking down some of the invisible barriers surrounding invisible illness."

There is a donation site at http://www.justgiving.com/1000milesofsmiles

Simon Mudie and Jessica Hill.

STREET SURGERY

COURT First councillor, Richard Bertin, is holding a street surgery beteen 10.30am-11.30am on Saturday (August 21) in the Hannah Street/Commercial Road area of Barry.

For further information, telephone Coun Bertin on 01446 736227.

Local PACT meetings

COURT PACT, the HUB, YMCA, Gladstone Road, Barry, between 3pm-5pm, August 19.

DYFAN PACT SURGERY, Colcot Arms public house, 3pm-5pm on August 19.

BUTTRILLS PACT, Philip John Community Room, Barry Library, August 26 at 6.30pm.

BARUC PACT, Barry Island Community Centre, September 1 at 7pm.

RHOOSE PACT, Celtic Way Community, August 24 at 7pm.

LLANTWIT MAJOR PACT, Llantwit Major Leisure Centre, August 31 at 7pm.

WENVOE COFFEE & CHAT, Wenvoe Arms, August 31 at 10.30am.

ST HILARY COFFEE & CHAT, St Hilary Village Hall, August 25 at 11am.

DINAS POWYS PACT, Village Square, Dinas Powys, August 25 between 3pm -4pm.

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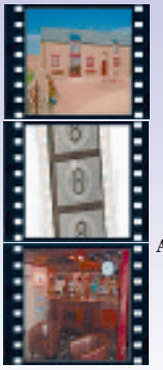

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RIGHT:
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AM's design visit

VALE AM Jane Hutt enjoyed a visit to Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School students' show of GCSE, AS, and A-Level art and design work.

She said: "The work was of such a high standard and it was inspiring to see the range of design technology and products made, especially the furniture and lights, which were all very marketable."

Ruckleys – Barry's specialists in official uniforms

RUCKLEYS, the uniform specialists in Barry, are going from strength-to-strength.

As well as stocking the usual school uniform basics – such as socks, trousers, skirts, pinafores, gym kits, cardigans, hair accessories and coats – they now stock a large proportion of local schools' official uniforms.

These schools include St Helen's, Sant Curig, Barry Island, Oakfield, Rhws, Barry Comprehensive, and Barry Sixth form.

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For those mums and dads who have been rooting through the attic to find an old guitar from their school days to hand down to their own children, don't forget that the shop also carries out specialist repairs, re-stringing and tuning on old guitars.

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The Nicola Peros Ballet School can boast excellent exam results and are extremely proud of Mia Watkins, who has been given her third year training with the Royal Ballet School, and of Rochelle Davies, who has been offered further training with the Central Ballet School in London.

New beginners are welcome, especially boys, aged from seven-years-old to 14 years old.

The school has started rehearsing for its next big performance, due in 2011 – which will be *Peter and the Wolf.*

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An active end of term at the Barry Comp!

BARRY Comprehensive School devoted the last week of term to one of its most popular annual events – Activity Week.

Pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 spent the week out of lessons, and out of uniform, taking part in a range of interesting and unusual activities and trips.

Out of school, pupils visited Ferndale Skate Park, Llangorse Multi-Activity Centre, Cadoxton Bowling Club, Porthkerry Park, Big Pit Mining Museum, Oakwood, Drayton Manor, Go Ape at Margam Park, Bristol Zoo, Merthyr Mawr Dunes, helped Friends of Plymouth Great Woods in Cardiff, went swimming, tried sea fishing, went to the cinema, had a barbecue at Southerndown, and went camping in the Gower.

There was plenty to do in school as well. This year's activities included building and flying model aeroplanes, volleyball, table tennis, badminton, football, dodgeball, basketball, indoor stargazing and enterprise activities under the guidance of Careers Wales.

Our thanks to everyone involved for making the week a great success. **AC**

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At these sessions you can talk to course tutors and careers advisors to help choose the right course for you. You may also be able to sign up to a course on the same day. Hurry – all courses are filled on a first come, first served basis.

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Ruth Wellstead and Gillian Arthur were reunited at Barry College.

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As one of the principal lecturers, Kishli Laister-Scott, said: "As a Vale resident, I was acutely aware of the lack of thought-provoking classes aimed at adults.

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Barry College is celebrating 50 years at heart of Vale community

BARRY College has welcomed students and staff, past and present, to a special party celebrating 50 years at the heart of the Vale of Glamorgan.

At the special 50th birthday party, visitors had a chance to see how the college has changed and developed over the last five decades, as well as catch up with old friends and tutors.

Guided tours of the college's main Colcot Road site were held and there was a special exhibition featuring pictures of the college through the years, with recollections from staff and students.

Two friends reunited were Gillian Arthur and Ruth Wellstead. Best of friends since they were little, both studied at Barry College in the 1960s, but have not seen each other "in such a long time".

"It's absolutely fantastic! We haven't seen each other for so long," Gillian said. "I've enjoyed coming back today, but it's even more fabulous now!"

"I don't come down that often," Ruth, who now lives in England, explained. "We used to see each other every month – now it's more like every other year. So when I saw her photograph in the exhibition, I was amazed!"

Guests also had the chance to see courses Barry College has offered through the years – such as cookery for newlyweds and sheep shearing – in an exhibition of past prospectuses. Birthday cake and party bags full of college goodies were on hand for all.

The Barry Amateur Radio Society set up at the college for a special anniversary broadcast, and got in contact with a number of European locations – including Bari in Italy!

The party ended with a special 'balloon pop'. Former students and staff joined with college chair of governors, Peter Cope, and local dignitaries, including Vale of Glamorgan Mayor and Mayoress Colin and Ruby Osborne, Barry Mayor Karl Kuhnell and consort Meryl Kuhnell, the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, and MP Alun Cairns to burst glitter-filled balloons in a daytime pyrotechnic display.

Speaking just before the 'Balloon Pop', Barry College principal and chief executive, Paul Halstead, said: "*When the college opened 50 years ago, it had 10 members of staff and 484 students.*

"The college now has about 500 staff and enrolled 10,047 students last year, so it has grown a little bit! We have had 100s of thousands of students over that long period.

"I would like to thank you all for coming – it's wonderful to see so many of you here, including so many of the original staff and students.

"We are delighted, and grateful to all our guests and everyone who has contributed towards the party."

Barry Amateur Radio Society.

Vale AM Jane Hutt enjoys a slice of birthday cake.

Don't panic! Careers Wales will guide you through all the options

RESULTS day can be a stressful time. For many students, it's a day of celebration as their hard work pays off, and they can begin to put their career plans and ideas into action.

However, some students may not have done as well as they expected, or may not have decided what they want to do next.

With intense competition for university places, many young people may be worried about their future if their results aren't what they had hoped for.

Whatever your results – don't panic! Careers Wales is here to help anyone receiving exam results this summer. There are options open to you and lots of help to choose what's right for you.

As well as teachers and course tutors being available on results day, careers advisers will be visiting most schools and colleges to offer free information and advice.

Advisers will also be available at Careers Wales centres across Wales throughout the summer to help people with their future plans.

Grainne Wilson, education careers business manager, Careers Wales Cardiff and Vale said: "Our advice to young people is to try not to make hasty decisions.

"By taking your time and taking the right advice, you can make sure you're making the right choices. Careers Wales can help by providing information and advice about courses available, as well as local employment and training opportunities."

Anyone waiting for exam results should also look out in the post for the Where Now? leaflet produced by Careers Wales and the Welsh Assembly Government. This gives a summary of all your main options at results time.

For further information and advice contact the Learning and Careers Advice helpline 0800 100 900 (if calling from a mobile ring 029 20906801- standard mobile rates apply) or visit www.careerswales.com

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CLASS 4 – Heifer in calf
Rhys Millichap, Rhiwgarn Fach Farm, Tonyrefail, Mid Glam (9); SW Pegington, Natygelli Farm, Llangwm, Usk, Mon (10); Andrew Thomas, Newbridge Farm, Crossways, Cowbridge (8).
CLASS 5 – Maiden heifer
Rhys Millichap, Rhiwgarn Fach Farm, Tonyrefail, Mid Glam (11).
CLASS 6 – Pair owned by the same exhibitor
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CLASS 13 – Calf under 12 months on day of show
(Kindly sponsored by Dairy Crest)
Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (52); Kevin Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (53); VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (56).
CLASS 14 – Maiden heifer over 12 and under 18 months on day of show
(Kindly sponsored by KW Alternative Feeds contact: 01264 358011)
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan. (116).
MERVYN THOMAS DROS Y MOR PERPETUAL CHALENGE TROPHY
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan. (116).
CLASS 15 – Heifer in calf, to calve, no older than 36 months
(Kindly sponsored by Dairy Crest)
R Hannett, 10 Brookville Drive, Skewen (115).
THE LADBROOKE (BRIDGEND CREAMERY) CHALLENGE SHIELD
R Hannett, 10 Brookville Drive, Skewen (115).
CLASS 16 – Cow in calf but not in milk – any age
(Kindly sponsored by Genus).
R and M Lougher and Sons, Tytanglwyst Farm, Pyle (60); VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (61).
CLASS 17 – Heifer in milk.
(Kindly sponsored by 4 Recycling Ltd)
JHB Tucker (Will), Poplar Cottage, Horton, Gower (119); Jack Evans and Son, Marcross Farm, Marcross, Nr Llantwit Major (112); VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (63).
CLASS 18 – Junior cow in milk (2nd/3rd lactation only)
(Kindly sponsored by BOCM Pauls Ltd - contact Richard Gibb - 07802 173101)
V. J. Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (68); V. J. Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (67); R and M Lougher and Sons, Tytanglwyst Farm, Pyle (64).
CLASS 19 – Senior cow in milk (4th lacation and above).
(Kindly sponsored by Mr Bill Prichard, Vians Hill, St. Nicolas)
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (71).
GOLDEN VALE DAIRIES CUP
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (71).
HOLSTEIN CHAMPIONSHIP
In milk champion (eligible from classes 17, 18 and 19)
Winners to receive Champion and Reserve Champion Rosettes.
THE GLYNNE CLAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP FOR THE BEST
EXHIBIT IN THE HOLSTEIN CLASSES.
Holstein UK Championship Award Rosette to the exhibitor of the Champion.
The Reserve Champion will also receive a rosette.
Best exhibitor bred champion and best udder in show both receive
Holstein UK rosettes.
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (68); J.H.B. Tucker (Will), Poplar Cottage, Horton, Gower (119).
CLASS 20 – Group of 8 in calf Holstein heifers to be judged on the farm, at least three weeks prior to the Show.
To be restricted to exhibitors from the three counties of Glamorgan.
(Kindly sponsored by Genus)
Clive Thomas Dros-Y-Mor, (72); V J Thomas & Son, Pancross (77); G Anthony and Son, Haregrove Farm, Laleston (74).
WILLIAMS & GLYNNE CUP
Any other pure dairy Bred
CLASS 21 – Maiden heifer any breed other than Holstein.
Kevin Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (79); Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (78); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (80).
CLASS 22 – Dairy Cow. Any breed other than Holstein
RICHARD TAYLOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
(Kindly sponsored by Riverlea Tractors Ltd., Vale Business Park, Llandow)
Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (82); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (84);R. P and K. J Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (83).
THE RICHARD TAYLOR PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP Dairy Cow. Any breed other than Holstein
Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (82).
CLASS 23 – Heifer in milk. Any breed other than Holstein
RP and K. J Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (85).
Any other pure dairy Bred Championship eligible from classes 21, 22 and 23
THE GAH SAMUEL MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL for the winner of the Championship
Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (82) – Champion; RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (85) – Reserve.
CLASS 24 – Interbreed production and inspection class (NMR & CIS) –
(Kindly sponsored by KW Alternative Feed Ltd contact – 01264 358011)
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (87); R and M Lougher and Sons, Tytanglwyst Farm, Pyle (60); VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (86).
THE SPILLERS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP AWARDED TO WINNERS OF CLASS 24
CLASS 25 – Best pair of dairy females, owned and shown by the same exhibitor.
BILL FRANCIS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the best pair of dairy females.
(Kindly sponsored by Five Star Breeders)
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (90); R and M Lougher and Sons, Tytanglwyst Farm, Pyle (62); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (88).
THE BILL FRANCIS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the best pair of dairy females.
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (90).
CLASS 26 – Group of Three Dairy Cattle, owned and shown by the same Exhibitor
V. J. Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (92); R and M Lougher and Sons, Tytanglwyst Farm, Pyle (88); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (62).
THE CORPORATION OF COWBRIDGE PERPETUAL CHALENGE BOWL
For the Best Group of Dairy Cattle
VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (92).
(Kindly sponsored by Barclays Commercial Banking, Cymru/Wales)
THE TJ YORWERTH MEMORIAL PERPETUAL CHALENGE CUP for the Best Dairy Cow or Heifer in the Show
V. J. Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (66) – Champion; Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (52) – Reserve.
CALF HANDLING
CLASS 27 – RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (97); VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (98); RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (97a).
THE GLAMORGAN FARM SUPPLIES TROPHY for Calf Handling by a handler 12 years old and under
RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (97).
CLASS 28 – RP and KJ Granville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (103); Sam Williams, Sunrise Bungalow, St Brides Major (104); VJ Price and Son, Trevithyn Farm, Llancarfan (105).
THE PJ LLEWELLYN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for Calf Handling by a handler 13-18
RP and KJ Glanville, Gelli Farm, Cefn Cribbwr, Bridgend (103).
CLASS 29 – 19 - 26 on the day of the Show. Calf 18 months and under – any breed
THE W J BASSETT PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY
(Kindly sponsored by W J Bassett)
Kevin Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (107); Kevin Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (112); Caroline Morgan, Lower House Farm, Llanvair Discoed, Chepstow (82).
THE BILL BASSET PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for Calf Handling on the day of the show
Kevin Rickard, Castle Farm, Bishton, Newport (107).
SHEEP
WELSH MOUNTAIN
(Kindly sponsored by Farmers Union of Wales. Contact: 01446 774838).
CLASS 30 – Ram.
William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (213); OB Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (207); Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (206).
CLASS 31 – Ram Lamb
Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (211); William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (219); I Thomas and Partners, Caerlan, Tonypandy (412).
CLASS 32 – One Ewe.
I Thomas and Partners, Caerlan, Tonypandy (414); William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (219); Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (217).
CLASS 33 – One Ewe Lamb.
Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (222); William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (244); OB Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (223).
THE WESTERN MAIL PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the
BEST EXHIBIT in the WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP CLASSES.
William and Partners, Pantycornant Farm, Glynogwr (208) – Champion; Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (222) – Reserve.
BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN SHEEP
(Kindly sponsored by Barclays Commercial Banking, Cymru/Wales).
CLASS 34 – Ram.
Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (230) J. James, Three Jays Kennels, Frampton (227); PJ Bertorelli, Pencoed Farm, Bryncethin (231).
CLASS 35 – Ram Lamb.
KJ Bowman, Penrhiwllwythau, Abercrave, Swansea Valley (236); J James, Three Jays Kennels, Frampton (234); Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (239).
CLASS 36 – One Ewe.
Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (252); PJ Bertorelli, Pencoed Farm, Bryncethin (264); KJ Bowman, Penrhiwllwythau, Abercrave, Swansea Valley (258).
CLASS 37 – One Ewe Lamb.
Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (263); PJ Bertorelli, Pencoed Farm, Bryncethin (264); KJ Bowman, Penrhiwllwythau, Abercrave, Swansea Valley (258).
THE RICHARD EVANS-BEVAN PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TANKARD FOR
THE BEST EXHIBIT IN THE BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN CLASSES.
Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (252) – Champion; Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llywel, Brecon (263) – Reserve.
SUFFOLK
(Kindly sponsored by Riverlea Tractors Ltd., Vale Business Park, Llandow)
CLASS 38 – Ram.
TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (267); Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentlooge (266); CV Thomas, Pencoed Farm, Coychurch Road, Pencoed (265);
CLASS 39 – Ram Lamb.
Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llandeilo (270); Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentlooge (269); Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llandeilo (271).
CLASS 40 – One Ewe.
TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (275); Christopher Cornock, Red House Farm, St Brides, Wentlooge (273); TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (274).
CLASS 41 – One Ewe Lamb.
Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llandeilo (280); TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (282); TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (283).
THE EDWARDS GELDARD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the best exhibit in the Suffolk Sheep Classes
TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (275); Eifion Hughes, Frondeg, Gurrey Banc, Llandeilo (270).
TEXEL
CLASS 42 – Ram.
Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (287b); Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (286); Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (287).
CLASS 43 – Ram Lamb.
Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (290); Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (293); DA and C Davies, 4 Grosddu Terrace, Penygroes, Llanelli (289).
CLASS 44 – One Ewe.
Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (299); DA and C Davies, 4 Grosddu Terrace, Penygroes, Llanelli (297); Mr Williams, Dolau Ifan Ddu Farm, Blackmill (300).

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CLASS 45 – One Ewe Lamb.
Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (308); Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (307); Mr Williams, Dolau Ifan Ddu Farm, Blackmill (309).
THE MARY HOMFRAY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the
Best Exhibit in the Texel Sheep Classes
Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (308); Diane Evans, Derimoelion, Dryslwyn, Carmarthen (307).
RYELAND
(Kindly sponsored by Glamorgan GEM)
CLASS 46 – Ram.
RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (315); RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (314).
CLASS 47 – Ram Lamb.
BA and PJ Mee, Pany Y Gwenyn, Whitland, Carms (316).
CLASS 48 – One Ewe.
Lewis Harris, Ty Cerrig, Glanusk, Llanfrynach, Brecon (323); RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (325); BA and PJ Mee, Pany Y Gwenyn, Whitland, Carms (322).
CLASS 49 – One Ewe Lamb. open mixed BREED, OTHER THAN WELSH MOUNTAIN, BLACK WELSH MOUNTAIN, SUFFOLK, TEXEL and RYELAND
RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (329); RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (330); BA and PJ Mee, Pany Y Gwenyn, Whitland, Carms (326).
RAAM and KA Howell, Greenway Cottage, Oxwich Green, Swansea (314) – Champion; Lewis Harris, Ty Cerrig, Glanuask, Llanfrynach, Brecon (323) – Reserve.
CLASS 50 – Ram.
(Kindly sponsored by Lloyds TSB Bank plc)
T.R & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston (334); Hywel Rees, Somerset Farm, St Donats (410); Will & Sam Workman, Fedw, Llyweli, Brecon (335).
CLASS 51 – Ram Lamb.
(Kindly sponsored by Watts and Morgan)
T.L Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (339); Hywel Rees, Somerset Farm, St Donats (337); TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (340).
CLASS 52 – One Ewe.
(Kindly sponsored by DG Ball, Upper Cwm Farm, Llantilio Crosenny.)
T L Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (346); TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston (348); TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (347).
CLASS 53 – One Ewe Lamb.
(Kindly Sponsored by Edwards Machinery Ltd, 01656 664155)
TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (356); J James, Three Jays Kennels, Frampton (355); Hywel Rees, Somerset Farm, St Donats (352).
THE CHAPMAN AND FREARSON CHALLENGE CUP for the Best any breed Exhibit.
TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (346) – Champion; TR & J Harris, Redland Farm, Bonvilston (334) – Reserve.
ANY BREED
CLASS 54 – Best Ram Lamb (untrimmed). Not to be shown in any other class
(Kindly sponsored by Sigma 3 (Kitchens) Ltd)
T. L Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (366); Derek Frankham, Woodlands Road, Barry (360); Huw Joseph, Mount Pleasant Road, Pyle (362).
CLASS 55 – Group of three Sheep comprising of one male and two females to be shown in previous classes and property of the same exhibitor
TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (380); Tomos Adams, Ty Medi, Llantrithyd, Cowbridge (383); Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (397).
COMMERCIAL SHEEP (ANY BREED)
CLASS 56 – A pair of Butchers Lambs (under 35 kilos).
(Kindly sponsored by Herbert R. Thomas)
Derek Frankham, Woodlands Road, Barry (385); Jane Bissett, Woodlands Road, Barry (386); D Matthews, Greenfield Farm, Treoes (384).
CLASS 57 – A pair of Butchers Lambs (over 35kilos).
(Kindly sponsored by Hybu Cig Cymru - Meat Promotion Wales 01970 625050)
James Davies, Tudor Barn, The Garn Farm, St Hilary (420); D Matthews, Greenfield Farm, Treoes (389).
James Davies, Tudor Barn, The Garn Farm, St Hilary (420) – Champion; D Matthews, Greenfield Farm, Treoes (389) – Reserve.
THE MRS CAMERON-ROSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE BOWL For the
BEST EXHIBIT IN THE COMMERCIAL SHEEP CLASSES.
James Davies, Tudor Barn, The Garn Farm, St Hilary (420).
PET LAMB
CLASS 58 – Pet Lamb Class - Handler 16 years old or under on or before day of show.
(Kindly Sponsored by Primary Publishing)
Tomos & Samuel Saunders, Ty Canol Farm, Trethomas (400); EH Radcliffe & Penmark Place, Penmark (406); Miss E Williams, Pant y Fid Farm, Blackwood, Gwent (397).
BEST TURNED OUT SHEEP IN SHOW - £20 prize
(Kindly sponsored by Mr. Davies, Lower Monkton Farm.)
Supreme Champion
THE PINKSTONE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the best exhibit in any of the sheep classes
TL Prichard, Castellau Fawr Farm, Llantrisant (346); TR and J Harris, Redlands Farm, Bonvilston (274).
HORSES
Sport Horse
CLASS 59 – Joli Smith, Pen Y Lan, Westbrook, Dorstone, Hereford (506); Mr M Todd, Horsehill Farm, Bagber, Sturminster (503); Miss R L Thomas, Brynheulog, Bryncethin (509).
CLASS 60 – Small Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, exceeding
148cms. but not exceeding 158 cms.
(Kindly sponsored by Premier Forest Products Limited. Timber and Sheet Material Importers www.premierforest.co.uk)
Mrs S Cuddy, Tyn yr Caerau, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge (511); Dr B M Lewis, Neuadd Wen, Llanharan (513); Miss R L Thomas, Brynheulog, Bryncethin (514).
CLASS 61 – Lightweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs and under.
Mrs S Cuddy, Tyn yr Caerau, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge (515); Miss A Collins, Horsehill Farm, Bagber, Sturminster (517); Zana Llewellyn, Green Farm, Pontardawe (520).
CLASS 62 – Middleweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 12 stone 7lbs not exceeding 14 stone.
(Kindly sponsored by Seth Hill & Son Ltd., The Quarries, Bonvilston)
Mrs J Hicks, Tynyfynnon Farm, Rhiwderin (523); Mrs J W & Miss E Gibson, Stable Cottage, Nenpett Thrubwell (525); Penny Clarke, Eider Cottage, Summerford, Keynes (526).
CLASS 63 – Heavyweight Hunter, Mare or Gelding, four years old or over, capable of carrying 14 stone and over.
Rachel White, Ynys yr Mono Isaf, Glais, Swansea (528).
THE CLASSIC WINDOWS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY
£50 Prize for The Champion
(Kindly sponsored by Premier Forest Products Limited. Timber and Sheet Material Importers www.premierforest.co.uk)
Mrs S Cuddy, Tyn yr Caerau Farm, Cowbridge (515) – Champion; Mrs J Hicks, Tynyfynnon Farm, Rhiwderin (523) – Reserve.
UNAFFILIATED HUNTER CLASSES
(Kindly sponsored by Premier Forest Products Limited. Timber and Sheet Material Importers www.premierforest.co.uk)
CLASS 64 – Zana Llewellyn, Green Farm, Pontardawe (536); Miss Seonaid Gallagher, Don Y Llan, Miskin (530); Mrs C M Thomas, Tydu Farm, Capel Llanilterne (533).
THE DAN RADCLIFFE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
CLASS 65 – Open Working Hunter, four years old and over exceeding 148cms. Mare or gelding.
(Kindly sponsored by Mr David Harris, Froglands Farm, Llanmaes)
Zana Llewellyn, Green Farm, Pontardawe (536); Miss Seonaid Gallagher, Don Y Llan, Miskin (530); Mrs C M Thomas, Tydu Farm, Capel Llanilterne (533).
CLASS 65 – Joli Smith, Pen Y Llan, Westbrook, Dorstone Hereford (540); Rhiannon Thomas, Flemingston Court, Barry (538); Sophia Allen, Cerrig Llwyd, Rudry, Cardiff (546).
THE BRIDGEND GLAZING AND SILVERING CO LTD PERPETUAL CHALLENGE
Joli Smith, Pen Y Llan, Westbrook, Dorstone Hereford (540).
RIDING HORSES
CLASS 66 – Best Race to Riding Horse
Horses 148cms and over, 4 years old and over, rider to be 16 years and over on 1st January in the current year.
Miss R. L Thomas, Brynhaulog, Bryncethin (557); Mrs Rae Jones, Hillside View, Pontypridd (552); Pamela Jordan, Newport (550).
PRINCIPALITY BUILDING SOCIETY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
CLASS 67 – Open Riding Horse
Mare or Gelding exceeding 148cms. Over 4 years old on the day of the show. Riders to have attained their 16th birthday by the 1st January in the current year.
Helen Manners, Tyla Glas Farm, Bedlinog (562); Yvonne Withey, c/o Paxford Farm, Llansamlet (561); Pamela Jordan, Newport (558).
THE JOHN & SARAH CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
SIDE SADDLE
(Kindly sponsored by Glamorgan Gem, Cowbridge)
Helen Manners, Tyla Glas Farm, Bedlinog (562).
CLASS 68 – Ladies Side Saddle.
Heather Noad, Coach House, Oldbury on Severn (564); Mrs PA Yeoman, Rhoswen, Heol Llan, Coity (566); Susan Howes, Old Beaupre Castle, St Hilary (568).
THE GREAT HOUSE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE VASE
Heather Noad, Coach House, Oldbury on Severn (564).
COBS
CLASS 69 – Open Cob, Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, exceeding 148cms and not exceeding 155cms to be ridden. Riders any age.
Justine Burns, Lakeside Barns, Grove Farm, Llanfoist (570); Miss S.J Williams New Houses Blackmill, (569).
THE JOHN AND SARAH CORY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the Open Riding Horse
Justine Burns, Lakeside Barns, Grove Farm, Llanfoist (570); Miss SJ Williams, New Houses, Blackmill, (569).
THE PRINCE OF WALES INVESTITURE PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the Best Leading Rein Pony
Janet Jones, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (573).
CLASS 70 – Leading Rein Pony, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over. Not exceeding 122cms. Rider not to have attained their eighth birthday before January 1 in the current year.
Janet Jones, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (573); Mr and Mrs J Hughes Jones, Heol Ysgawen, Llanharry (571); C Shilliber Smith, TY Isaf Farm, Bettws (572).
WORKING HUNTER PONIES
THE MENAI PRINCE CHARMING PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the winner of the mini Show Pony Championship
Janet Jones, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (573).
CLASS 72 – Nursery Stakes: Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, not exceeding 133cms. Rider not to have attained their 12th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.
Mr M G Dixon, Cae Bryn, Abertridwr, Caerphilly (590); Leanne Macarthur, Bedlington Terr, Barry (575); Mrs S Garland, Murlande Way, Rhoose (576).
THE SNAFFLES SADLERY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for
the winner of the Nursery Stakes
Mr M G Dixon, Cae Bryn, Abertridwr, Caerphilly (590) – Champion; Leanne Macarthur, Bedlington Terr, Barry (575) – Reserve.
CLASS 73 – W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, not exceeding 133cms. Rider not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year. Fences minimum 75cms.
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Mrs S Garland, Murlande Way, Rhoose (582).
CLASS 74 – W.H.P. Mare or Gelding, 4 years old and over, exceeding 133cms and not exceeding 143cms. Rider not to have attained their 17th birthday before 1st Jan in the current year.
Mrs S J Bishop, Maes Diofal Farm, Senghenydd (584); Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Monmouth (585); Emma Tidley, Westard House, Wick (587).
WORKING HUNTER PONY CHAMPIONSHIP
Mrs S J Bishop, Maes Diofal Farm, Senghenydd (584); Mrs S Garland, Murrlande Way, Rhoose (582).
WHP CHAMPIONSHIP - THE GLAMORGAN GEM PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the Best Working Hunter Pony in Classes 73-75.
Mrs S J Bishop, Maes Diofal Farm, Senghenydd (584).
CLASS 76 – Cradle Stakes. Mare or Gelding, four years old and over, not exceeding 122cms. Riders not to have attained their 11th birthday before January 1 in the current year.
Mr M G Dixon, Cae Bryn, Abertridwr, Caerphilly (590); Claire Williams, The Coach House, Cwm Ciddy, (593); Jenna Rees, Dan Y Graig Cott, Cross Inn, Llantrisant (591).
THE MRS G R LEWIS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY for the winner of the Cradle Stakes
Mr M G Dixon, Cae Bryn, Abertridwr, Caerphilly (590).
SHOW HUNTER PONIES
CLASS 78 – Best Pony of Show Hunter Type, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 122cms and not exceeding 133cms. Riders not to have attained their 14th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Jenna Rees, Dan Y Graig Cott, Cross Inn, Llantrisant (599); Miss J Wren, Graigwen, Plascoed Road, Pontnewynydd (597).
CLASS 79 – Best Pony of Show Hunter Type, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 133cms and not exceeding 143cms. Riders not to have attained their 17th birthday before January 1 in the current year.
Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Monmouth (598).
CLASS 80 – Best Pony of Show Hunter Type, Mare or Gelding, 4 years old or over, exceeding 143cms and not exceeding 153cms. Riders not to have attained their 20th birthday before 1st January in the current year.
Mr and Mrs J Hughes Jones, Heol Ysgawen, Llanharry (602); Miss A Fisher, Llwyncelyn Uchaf, Llanelli (600).
THE LATE THOMAS JENKINS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP for the
Winner of the Championship Class.
Mr and Mrs J Hughes Jones, Heol Ysgawen, Llanharry (602); Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Monmouth (598).
MOUNTAIN AND MOORLAND PONIES
CLASS 81 – Mountain & Moorland Leading Rein. Mountain & Moorland pony, mare or gelding, four years old and over not exceeding 122cm, registered in their respective Pure Breed Society Stud Books of Shetland, Dartmoor, Exmoor, New Forest and Welsh A or B. Riders not to have attained their ninth birthday before January 1 in the current year. To be led by an attendant and shown in a snaffle bridle, the lead rein to be attached by the noseband only. This class is a qualifier for the Ponies Association (UK) Colne Mountain & Moorlands Leading Rein Championship.
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M T MORGAN CUP presented to the winner of Class 81.
Tracy Roynon, Ty Richard Jones Farm, Crumlin (607); Hannah Jayne Morgan, Parkview Terrace, Aberdare (606); C Shillibier Smith, Ty Isaf Farm, Bedwas (607).
CLASS 82 – Best Registered Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony under saddle, 4 years old and over. Small Breeds - Dartmoor, Exmoor, Shetland, Welsh Section A & B. Rider any age
Ann Rees, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (615); A Davies, Tai Aftryn, Broadlands, Bridgend (613); Sam Beach, Nant Lais, Llanharan (610).
CLASS 83 – Best Registered Ridden Mountain & Moorland Pony under saddle, 4 years old and over. Large Breeds - Welsh Section C&D, Dales, Fells, Conemara, New Forest and Highland. Rider any age
Mrs Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Mon (625); D Goddard, 18 Elder Grove, Llantwit Fardre (623); Branwen Clarke, Cae Hafan, Treoes (629).
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Mrs Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Mon (625) – Champion; Ann Rees, The Nurseries, Trerhyngyll (615) – Reserve.
COLOURED CLASSES
CLASS 85 – In Hand. Skewbald/Piebald young stock foaled in 2007, 08, 09 & 10 - foals over 4 weeks old. Any sex colour or type - Championship Qualifier
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K Pritchard and R Maynard, C/O Mark Tamplin, Caerphilly (654); N Thomas, Splott Farm, St Donats (657); Denise David, Crawshay Drive, Llantwit Major, (655).
THE SUMMERHAZE CUP
K Pritchard and R Maynard, C/O Mark Tamplin, Caerphilly (654).
CLASS 86 – In Hand. Skewbald/Piebald combined class - Championship Qualifier. Horses and ponies any age, sex, colour, type or height. Additional qualifier for Best Pony and Best Horse not in 1st-3rd and highest place Youngstock and highest place traditional, cob or vanner.
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Rhian Carter, Greenlands Road, Llantrisant (659); Tracey Nash, West End Bungalow, Nottage (662); Tracey Nash, West End Bungalow, Nottage (663).
CLASS 87 – Ridden. Skewbald/Piebald combined class - Championship Qualifier. Horses and ponies any sex, colour or type four years old and over. Additional qualifier for Best Pony and Best Horse not in 1st-3rd. Riders any age.
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Mr and Mrs J Hughes Jones, Heol Ysgawen, Llanharry (671); Mrs Pat Faulkner, Bridge Farm, Crucorney, Mon (670); Jessica Allen, Cerrig Llwyd, Rudry, Caerphilly (674).
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Jasper signs before Bellamy!

ABOVE: Jasper's act is part of Cardiff City's policy to pioneer more pre-match entertainment.

Barry magician is one of Cardiff City's new signings!

CARDIFF CITY has made a new signing – award-winning Barry magician and mentalist Jasper Blakeley.

City believe the arrival of Jasper will help in their pioneering drive to provide pre-match entertainment outside the ground.

Jasper said: "I put pen to paper last Thursday, and I'm going to be providing entertainment before Cardiff's home matches.

"I had a trial which was held on the day of the Cardiff City, Sheffield Utd match and had a crowd of 150 people enjoying the show.

"The atmosphere was great – there was magic, games, competitions and giveaways."

The idea is for Jasper to provide tailor-made family entertainment that makes it a bit more of a day out for fans and helps in crowd flow: people who arrive early at the ground know they can get something to eat and drink and enjoy the act, avoiding a last minute stampede to the ground.

Along with Jasper, City are also providing other attractions such as a space for fans to take photographs, and a ball training area.

Jasper explained: "I perform an hour before the kick off and do half an hour. A friend of mine, Phil Jay, one of the country's top magicians recommended me."

Roger in Lazarus-style comeback to make the final!

RAIN, or the lack of it, has had a marked effect on results on grass greens this year, but a game in Cowbridge last month was abandoned after only five ends because of rain.

This match was between Cowbridge and Llantwit ladies. Both captains agreed to restart the game last week, but this time it rained heavily prior to the game, forcing cancellation. The clubs agreed to share the points.

The fine weather returned later in the week for a home league game against table leaders Barry Romilly. Cowbridge won on two of the three rinks and by an overall score of 68-40.

Rink scores as follows: Rink two: Lynda Wilson, Pat Holdsworth, Sue Flower and Anne Jarvis 33-10; rink three: Glenys Davies, Helena Snelling, Judy Springett and Joan Bradley 14-19; rink four: Shirley Wilkinson, Diane Purnell, Pat Davey and May Jones 21-11. This was a fine performance by Cowbridge ladies.

For its mid-week Munro Cup game, the men's team played the Penarth Rectory Road team on their privately maintained grass green, which was in excellent condition.

Cowbridge players were no match for the opposition and were trounced by 106-35.

Only Byron Richards' quartet of Colin Wilson, Brian Elsey, Ron Woolford and Byron as skip provided serious competition. Rink score: Byron Richards 15, Penarth 18.

Splott Park was the venue for the last away league game of the season on a council-maintained green that had suffered because of the dry summer and a failing sprinkler system.

The opponents in St Albans, needed points to avoid relegation and Cowbridge were hoping for some away points to consolidate in mid-table.

The uneven playing surface was the same for both teams, but Cowbridge lost on all four rinks by 106-60.

Only Norman Wilkinson's team of Charles Sanders, Steve Dickens, Michael Bradley and Norman as skip had a close match (rink score: Norman wilkinson 20, St Albans 23).

Finally, some good news for a Cowbridge bowler. As 2009 club singles champion, Roger Barwick was automatically entered into the Mid Vale and South Vale Bowling Association's 'Champion of Champions' contest this year.

From 32 entries, Roger had reached the semi-final stage. He had played some of the matches at home and some away. His semi-final opponent, Mel Trigg, was playing on his home patch.

It was going to be an uphill battle for Roger and so it proved to be. With Mel leading 19-7, he only needed two points to win, but Roger staged a remarkable turnaround, drew level and won the match 21-20. What a result!

Roger will meet David Wright from the Barry Romilly club in the final later this month.

MB

The Saints sparkle, but the Lions leave it too late to show some bite

Llantwit Major Lions	**3**
Sunday Saints FC	**5**

THE Saints made the short journey to Llantwit school field for a friendly game between them and league newcomers, the Llantwit Major Lions.

After a relatively successful last season, the Saints are looking to push on and have added three new faces to their squad with Gareth Richards and Dean Cleave making their first starts, and Phil Morgan coming off the bench.

The game also saw Nicky Cox play his first game as the newly-elected team captain for the season.

The Saints made a bright start and carved out the most chances in the opening spell but couldn't convert.

The breakthrough came when a corner was cleared back to taker Leigh Lewis, who crossed the ball back into the box and Nick Dyke headed the ball in from a few yards out.

The Lions pushed to get back in the game but found the Saints defence, particularly Nicky Cox, in incredible form.

Jordan Mortimore then picked out Leigh Lewis with a sublime crossfield pass to put him in on goal, and his touch allowed him to slot the ball past the oncoming keeper.

It was three minutes later when Rob West advanced from left back and his cross was misjudged by the keeper and nestled in the net.

The Saints came off at half time after dominating the half and playing some superb football and started the second half as they finished the first.

Mortimore's pin point perfect through ball put Dyke in and his finish was just as perfect, and the Saints were 4-0 up.

The Saints completed their scoring moments later when Reece Lewis put his brother clear and Leigh Lewis ignored the offside appeals to lift the ball over the keeper with a great lob.

The Lions rallied soon after and pulled one back after some neat football from Craig Bright, slamming the ball home after Richards had saved a shot.

James Austin showed a great piece of skill to almost make it six for Saints but his shot was just wide and Dean Cleave fired over after a good run.

Owen Newton reduced the deficit further, then Richards made an outstanding save to deny another Lions player.

The Lions pulled another goal back with Ryan Evans driving the ball home.

The Saints start their new first division league campaign this Sunday at home in St Athan Village against Saint Patrick Rovers of Maesteg, who will provide a tough opening encounter after finishing one place below Saints last season.

The Lions showed with their late rally that they will do well in the first division this season and hopefully both sides will be challenging for honours at the end of the season.

Honourable mentions to Gaz Richards in goal and the ever dependable Tom Roberts in midfield.

The man of the match was a tough call but it went to new captain Nicky Cox for an incredible display at centre half.

HD

Success for Wales in world archery championships

LLANTWIT MAJOR archer Mathew Symmonds recently led the Welsh team to victory at their most successful ever World Field Archery Championships!

Set in and around the beautiful mountains graced by the Castle of Dahn in west Germany, the tournament consisted of five gruelling rounds of field archery. In near-perfect weather conditions, the scene was set for some quality shooting.

The Germany Archery Federation had built some of the most extreme courses ever seen, with shots of up to 80 yards set at elevations of more than 35 degrees in some cases.

In scenes that would do justice to any big budget movie, the archers shot some of their arrows from the imposing battlements of Dahn Castle to targets on the ground far below. Competing against top ranked archers from 38 countries, Mathew and his Welsh team (with an unprecedented five members coming from Llantwit Major), proved yet again the unwavering talent and dedication that places Welsh field archers constantly among the top world rankings.

The Llantwit Major team members fared as follows: Team captain Mathew Symmonds had a superb week, shooting some impressive scores and winning the gold medal in the professional recurve division.

At the previous tournament in 2008, Mathew shocked the archery world by winning the gold in the amateur gent's recurve division. This second gold makes Mathew Wales' most successful field archer of all time.

Wynn Jones's experience and skill took the silver medal in the veterans (over 55) bowhunter compound division.

Nigel Kent managed some respectable scores in his first World Championship but was overpowered by more experienced archers from South Africa and Germany.

Colin Ketley, (also making his world championships debut), held his own in the barebow recurve division, but Germany's strength in depth and experience told. However, Colin took a well-earned gold medal in the Class B tournament.

Claire Hamilton Jones shot very well during the week, building some impressive scores in the ladies unlimited group. Claire topped off a successful week with a personal best score in the fifth and final round for a successful first world championships.

Mathew commented: "While we expected difficult courses for this tournament, the terrain and elevations exceeded our expectations. The Welsh team tackled the courses well and the less experienced among the team showed very good composure under pressure. The team all rose to the challenge and shot well generating impressive results for Wales."

JR

It's the end of the road for Barry Bluebirds

AFTER the best part of nine years together, Barry Bluebirds manager Jeff Howells has had to sadly bring the team to an end due to unforeseen circumstances, including long term injuries and international commitments in another sport.

Jeff stated: "This was the hardest decision I've ever had to make in football. I'd like to say a massive thank you to all of the opposition players and coaches who I've enjoyed playing against and have been great sports,

"Thanks also to Lynn and Pam, club secretary and chairman, my coaches Rhys and Martin, all the parents over the years who have been absolutely incredible with their support, and the lads who I've coached throughout the years."

Barry impress against Premier opponents

BARRY TOWN proved themselves more than equal to big spending Premier League team Carmarthen in this mid-week away friendly.

Unfortunate to only draw, a Carmarthen defender admitted after the match that Barry showed them how to play, with long periods of domination by the Dragons.

Carmarthen had taken the lead, thanks to a deflection own goal off a Barry player in the 12th minute. The Town equalised after 25 minutes, when Jaymes Dixon was put through and rifled past the Carmarthen goalkeeper.

Barry hit the post a couple of times and a golden opportunity towards the end went close from striker Josh Bell. Manager Gavin Chesterfield played a 4-3-3 attacking formation with Maxwell, Sadler and Harterey in midfield, and Dixon, Blatchford and Jones up front.

The only concern was that the Dragons couldn't convert the possession into goals. However, the team have scored so many in pre-season friendlies, they are sure to hit the net many times against weaker opposition.

Barry Town are also announcing a special season ticket for Cardiff City season ticket holders. City fans can buy a Town season ticket for £50 instead of the £72 and can donate the saving of £22 to Cardiff City, to help City through their current financial difficulties!

Barry have arranged all their league home fixtures so as not to clash with Cardiff City home matches. Forms can be collected from the club from noon every day or can be sent to anyone phoning on 01446 735858.

The Town kick off the league season with two away matches on Wednesday, September 1 at Aberamman Athletic, and Garden Village on Saturday, September 4.

Rhoose hosts a Test Match

RHOOSE Bowling Club has returned to normality after entertaining a Test Series between Wales and Scotland over the weekend of August 7-8.

Members and spectators experienced the novelty of the matches being played in sets. The object was to prepare both teams for the type of match that they will face in the Commonwealth Games.

The standard of bowling was very high from both sides, but Scotland ran out the victors in most of the matches. Local bowlers were able to watch Paul Foster, who heads the WBT rankings for 2010/11 easily come to terms with Rhoose's new carpet.

On the Welsh team, local bowlers Jason Greenslade and Chris Blake played alongside Robert Weale.

Hosting this Test Series has to be the highlight of the club's 20-year-old history.

JH

Llynfi Valley group volunteers are changing the face of riverside walk

ABOVE:
Local schools have also joined the volunteers on clean up duties.

VOLUNTEERS are hard at work along the length of the River Llynfi in Maesteg, creating a new riverside walk.

This is the latest project from the Llynfi Valley Environment Rivercare Group, whose members have been clearing the river banks and planting flowers and shrubs for the past seven years.

Chairman Doug Dixon said that members had been working on the stretch of path from Ewenny Road to Cwmdu Street, where an old dilapidated footbridge which is used to access the allotments, is being removed and replaced with a wooden footbridge costing almost £4,000.

The bridge is being paid for with a grant from Valleys To Coast for whom the group has done a lot of work. The bridge is being made by a firm in Cornelly.

Mr Dixon said: "This has been a project that has involved co-operation with different organisations including the allotment holders and the Environment Agency. They are responsible for the river and its banks."

The Tidy Towns initiative is also involved and is providing manpower to demolish the old bridge and install the new one.

This stretch of path is one that will eventually link into a path running from the Brewers site in Caerau down the valley as far as the Tylers' Arms in Pontrhydycyff.

Work in Caerau has been done in conjunction with the Caerau Development Trust.

"We have some gaps in the path at the moment but we are hoping that the owners of the old Revlon factory site will allow us to create a path along the edge of their site running down the river bank. We are keeping to the western side of the river as we come down the valley."

At Garth Park, they hope to link up with an existing path along the river and then cross the main road at Mill Street.

Lower down the valley, they want to link into the path behind Darren View, having travelled along the side of the Fairmeadows Estate and then alongside Neuadd Domos.

The group has had a feasibility study done into the scheme and this found that the work they do to create the path will also help strengthen the river banks.

The group has also carried out another ambitious scheme which was the restoration of the old iron bridge at the bottom of Treharne Row.

This cast iron bridge dates from the 1830s and was installed by the Llynfi Ironworks Company.

The group welded and repaired the bridge and also cleaned the stonework. The bridge was then painted.

"This is a very important part of the valley's industrial heritage," said Mr Dixon. "It dates from the time when we had a thriving iron industry in the town, before the days of the large scale coal mining that followed."

The group was formed seven years ago when Coun Terry Mizen was town mayor. He is still an active member and assistant town clerk Margaret Buckley is their secretary and treasurer.

Doug was appointed chairman at the outset and the group has about 25 members – with a dozen or so of these being active.

"They pull on their wellies and get into the river," stated Mr Dixon. "We meet at the Llynfi Road car park in town at 9am every other Saturday and then we set off to tackle rubbish and weeds on a different part of the river."

They have a trailer that was donated by the power station which they use to take the rubbish they clear to the dump. They also liaise closely with Keep Wales Tidy.

Mr Dixon said that their persistence was starting to pay off as more and more people realise that it is unacceptable to dump rubbish in the river.

"We have heightened awareness of the environmental importance of the river," Mr Dixon explained. "In the old days, people would dump three piece suites and other items into the river.

"Now, it is no longer acceptable for them to do that. Instead, they are contacting the council if they have bulky waste. We are starting to change the ethos."

The group is also attracting new members and works closely with children in local schools who help with bulb planting.

Each year, the group plants 6,000 bulbs along the river. They also put in indigenous trees and shrubs.

The area around the footbridge crossing from Plasnewydd Street to the car park has been specially targeted as it is a gateway into the town for visitors.

"We are also attempting to create nature trails to assist birds and other wildlife. We want to turn the clock back to what this valley was like before the industrial revolution."

The group is also involved in the fight against an alien intruder – Japanese knotweed – and several members have been trained to spray the chemicals needed.

"We have a lot of work to do," added Mr Dixon. "And more people getting involved would enable us to get things finished quicker, but we have made a start on beautifying the river and letting people see it as an area of peace and tranquillity which should be enjoyed by all."

ABOVE:
Just some of the rubbish cleared from the river as the group seeks to take the river back to the days before industrialisation.

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LEFT: A family welcome for Caroline from her husband, mum, two daughters, and a founder member of the WAY Foundation, Margot Henery (second left) pictured outside the Holiday Inn in Cardiff.

Porthcawl woman's cycling challenge for local charity!

HALF WAY THERE!

Striking a pose in Porthcawl prior to departure.

A PORTHCAWL woman has just completed a personal challenge – in support of a charity that she set up 13 years ago.

Caroline Sarll recently completed a marathon bike ride, from her home in Porthcawl to the Holiday Inn, Cardiff.

The ride was in aid of the WAY Foundation, a charity which Caroline set up in 1997, following the untimely death of her brother-in-law, and the much earlier death of Caroline's father, when she was a child.

The foundation was set up to help young widowed men and women and their children, offering support on an emotional and social level.

Caroline said: "I had always wanted to go back to WAY's roots-and to do something to commemorate the very first meeting I held, which was in the then Crest Hotel in Cardiff.

"Around 30 people attended and it was very emotional.

"WAY now has 1,700 members nationwide, so the charity has grown considerably since the early days and has helped thousands of young widowed men and women and their families." She continued: "There are still many people, however, who have not heard of WAY's work, so as well as raising funds for them – my target is £1,000 – I also wanted to help towards the constant challenge of raising awareness of the charity, and how it can help people during such a vulnerable time."

Caroline tackled the ride on her own, wearing a specially donated Foundation T-shirt.

She said: "WAY's colour is blue, to signify peace and finding calm in the terrible storm of grief. All of our literature is printed in blue and so is the logo on my T-shirt."

Caroline succeeded in completing her ride in under four hours – with the odd stop along the way.

"My first stop was Tesco's cafe in Bridgend, as we used to meet there, as well as Sainsburys, in the early days.

"They always had hot coffee and it meant we didn't have to pay for a room, so both supermarkets were quite instrumental in helping to get WAY off the ground.

"They both sponsored me, so I am grateful for their continued support. I'm equally grateful for their loos – as I couldn't have cycled 30 miles without one visit to the 'Ladies Room'!"

Was there a particularly gruelling section of the cycle?

"Yes! Without doubt, the hill just outside Cowbridge, which snakes for miles upwards towards Cardiff. I managed it, without stopping, in first gear all the way – but my face was puce pink at the end of it!

"There were unexpected pleasures – like finding a wild apple tree at the side of the busy A48. And there was a definite downside-like wearing nappy-style, padded cycling shorts.

"Thank you to Halfords. They were a big help, but they didn't do me any favours in the style stakes!"

Caroline has almost reached her target sponsorship of £1,000 and would like to thank all those who have donated so generously.

To see a list of all her major sponsors and to help Caroline reach her target, visit www. justgiving.com/fiftybefore-fifty.

She added: ""With WAY's blessing, I'm donating a percentage of the money to the British Heart Foundation and to Cancer Research, so it's vital that I hit the £1,000 target.

"I am immensely proud of how the WAY Foundation has grown since the early days and of how many people it has helped.

'I think its importance can be summed up in the words of one of my justgiving sponsors: '*For me and many others, WAY has been a lifeline.*'"

Further details of the WAY FOUNDATION can be found at www.wayfoundation.org.uk.

Mystery objects seen in night skies are still '*unexplained*'

LAST week's story 'UFO is a case for Sherlock' sparked a response from readers over a wide geographical area.

Initially, three people contacted The GEM last week to say that on Sunday, August 8, they had seen an orange-red object travelling across the sky in a westerly direction, at about the time people were settling down to watch the new BBC series *Sherlock*.

Mr David Thomas, who lives in Cowbridge and was a commercial airline pilot for 28 years, was out in his courtyard at 10.30pm when he saw what looked like fireworks in the Swansea direction.

"Four disc-like objects moved from west to east toward me.

"The one at the rear of the formation climbed out of sight. The other three continued past and were orange, disc-like and large."

An aeroplane was in the sky at the time, so Mr Thomas was able to distinguish them clearly from it – the objects were far larger. They later appeared twice more.

Mr Thomas said he could not speculate on what the objects were, they were "unexplained".

Mr John Trudgian of Llantwit Major said: "I saw the object on that Sunday travelling in a westerly direction. It was not travelling mega fast, but there was no noise."

Two readers in Barry reported similar sightings.

Liz Eales said: "I was looking out of my window at 10.10pm last Sunday and noticed a bright light coming from the direction of Porthkerry Park, When it got nearer, I thought it looked like a hot air balloon.

"I couldn't actually see the canopy, but there were definitely flames rising from what appeared to be a basket. There were wires going up from the basket to whatever was above it. It was travelling quite fast. It was no optical illusion.

Another GEM reader said:

"I saw a bright light coming towards us from the direction of Porthkerry Park.

"It was travelling quite fast, and as it got nearer it appeared to be some sort of hot air balloon.

"What looked like a basket had flames rising from it."

Balloons, Chinese lanterns, or something else? Whatever the flying objects were, they remain a mystery!

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Group's motto is 'Porthcawl Having Fun!'

REPORT by Jayne Isaac

A NEW organisation is to be set up in Porthcawl to organise events and activities – free of bureaucratic control.

The new group, which will be an umbrella organisation for all the societies and organisations in the town, is being called Porthcawl Having Fun initially, although this could be changed.

The move comes coincidentally after David Richards, the chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Committee, resigned as a result of council interference.

The new body will be set up at a meeting taking place at The Salthouse on Tuesday, September 28 at 7pm.

The meeting has been convened by Porthcawl Chamber of Trade president Lindsay Morgan, who has sent letters out to 90 different groups.

In the letter, he stated: "Porthcawl Chamber of Trade has been considering the means of organising town events.

"We are anxious that the town enjoys the full potential, skills and talents of individuals and the expertise of the large number of people in the voluntary sector.

"We are not seeking conflict with the town council. We feel, however, a need for greater freedom from local authority bureaucracy and their ties."

A separate paper outlining the proposal has also been distributed, which sets out the aims of the organisation. These include bringing together organisations and individuals in a spirit of harmony for the good of the town and allowing freedom of expression and exposure of talent.

The aim is to act as a coordinating body with the town's voluntary sector in organising events and eventually assuming responsibility for town events including those currently controlled by the town council.

This could include the Sea Festival and the Summer Musical Evening.

Speaking to The GEM, Mr Morgan said that politicians in Porthcawl could do what they were good at, while the business people and other volunteers could do what they are good at, which is putting on events and raising money for good causes.

The chamber had acted as an enabling group in the past, getting other groups going like the Christmas Morning Swim.

Mr Morgan stated that a new organisation was needed to co-ordinate activities and events and give mutual aid.

The town council had been invited and was welcome to send a representative. Members of the public can also attend.

The intention was to create a body that would own specialist equipment like PA systems, electrical items and other equipment which groups could share.

It would also mean greater co-operation between groups with people using a website to list forthcoming events to eliminate clashes and also increase support as everyone would be alerted.

"The Lions had a grant to buy small marquees which they then let out. That's an asset for the town and it is what we should be seeking to duplicate.

"We can raise money to buy such equipment which will benefit everyone," he commented.

The new group will elect its own committee which will become a steering group and will work to get things going.

"We want everyone involved, not just the chamber. We have some ideas but we welcome people with their own take as well.

"It will be all about promoting fun in Porthcawl," he added.

Police make a solid start in pre-season

James Davies on another strong run.

SOUTH Wales Police started their pre-season build-up with a visit to Ebbw Vale.

The home team looked stronger, with their bigger backs looking dangerous for the first 20 minutes.

However, solid defence ensured that no tries were conceded until ill discipline cost the Police and they conceded three penalties to go nine points down.

Half-backs Sean Ellis and Ryan Miles controlled the game well, with Miles pushing the homeside back with long distance kicks out of hand. The Police started to come into the game and some great inter passing led to hooker Karl Davies going over for a great try.

The second half was all Police, with the fast backs looking dangerous with ball in hand.

A great individual run from full-back Craig Davies saw the ball finally go to centre Will Alston, who finished off the run in style to dive over in the corner.

For the Police, the back row of Mathew Jones, James Davies and Jason Davies were outstanding, with full-back Craig Davies looking dangerous every time he had the ball. Callum Rogers had a great debut at second row.

This was a great display from the Police who travel to Barry next week.

Man of the match was James Davies, who made some great runs and was solid in defence **BS**

South Wales Police Youth were losing 7-0 at Ebbw Vale, but played some fantastic rugby, to come back and win 12-10, with tries from Rory Thomas and Jack Evans. Huw Rosser landed a fantastic conversion from the touchline.

PORT TALBOT STEELWORKS' £185m IS A BIG BOOST FOR SOUTH WALES

NEWS that Corus is to invest £185m at the Port Talbot Steelworks has been welcomed by Bridgend council leader Mel Nott.

He said: "This is great news and demonstrates the confidence that the company has in the south Wales area.

"This huge investment will ensure that the Port Talbot works will continue to produce steel for many years to come and has major implications for the many residents of Bridgend County Borough Council who are employed there."

The company is also to look at the possibility of developing the Margam Mine, which will tap into the richest reserve of prime coking coal in the world located under Margam Mountain.

If this goes ahead, a further 500 mining jobs will be created. The £185m will be used to rebuild a blast furnace at the plant, which will increase capacity by up to 400,000 tonnes of strip steel a year.

At the moment, the plant employs 5,000 people but many more jobs are to be found among the suppliers of goods and services to the works.

The firm is also to spend £6m on geo-seismic studies into the coal reserves under Margam Mountain.

If the mine is viable, Port Talbot will be the only steel mill in Europe to source coal on-site.

The company has acquired the option to exploit these reserves and would probably develop a drift mine.

The old National Coal Board had major plans to create what was then known as the Margam Super Mine and it acquired farms and land in the Kenfig Hill area.

The pit head would have been located on land near Aberbaiden on the flank of the mountain, but the scheme was eventually abandoned in the mid 1980s and all the land was sold off by British Coal.

JAYNE ISAAC

Kenfig Hill cadets are pointed in the right direction!

LEFT: Cadets planned out a challenging course with their maps.

DESPITE thunderous clouds and a heavy deluge on Wednesday, August 4, a total of 10 cadets from 2117 Squadron arrived at The Welsh Wildlife Trust Nature reserve at Parc Slip to assist with orienteering activity, which had been advertised by nature reserve staff as part of their summer activities programme.

Beforehand the cadets had used maps to plan out a challenging course and spent the early morning setting markers and flags in place for the competitors.

The cadets remained on hand to provide any necessary assistance throughout the event and at its conclusion went quickly and cheerfully about the task of retrieving the equipment.

The cadets received warm thanks from the staff at the reserve, who were impressed by their energy and courtesy.

The cadets who attended were Cdt Cpl Humphrey, Cdt Cpl Fitzgibbon, Cdt Cpl Richards, Cdt Young, Cdt Cornwall, Cdt Peckham, Cdt Aston, Cdt Smith, Cdt Clarke and Cdt Townsend.

If you are male or female and at least 13 years old then why not join 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron ATC. We are also looking for adult staff members and Civilian Committee members. We parade on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7pm to 9.30pm. For more information please contact the Squadron on parade nights, Tel No 01656 670125.

by Squadron Leader Gerry Lewis (ret'd RAF).

Plans for seafront site are unveiled at Seabank Hotel

PLANS for a key site along Porthcawl seafront have been unveiled.

Developers McCarthy and Stone want to change the retirement complex they had been planning to build on land at the side and rear of The Seabank Hotel.

They obtained consent on appeal in 2008 to build 64 retirement apartments, but they now wish to change this to 60 self-contained assisted living apartments which will offer extra care to residents.

The company staged a consultation day at The Seabank on Monday, when members of the public could speak to representatives of the company and also architect Peter Geirsson.

The new complex will include a kitchen and dining room, where residents will be able to have a chef-prepared three-course lunch and also a buffet tea. There will also be a residents' lounge and function room.

Matthew Shellum, principal planning associate with the planning consultants employed by the firm, said that McCarthy and Stone already have a complex of retirement apartments in Porthcawl at the Stoneleigh site.

It was felt that the demand in Porthcawl is now more for the extra care apartments. This block will be the first the company has in south Wales.

Mr Shellum said that this complex would cater for people with greater needs and would be a welcome addition to the housing choice available in the area for retired people.

He said that the apartments were all bigger and were fully wheelchair-accessible.

Access to the new complex would be from one single point of entry from Picton Avenue.

There would be car parking on site, though less than originally planned – but there were fewer apartments and many of the residents would not be car owners.

Mr Shellum said that the Welsh Assembly Government was encouraging developers and local authorities to provide extra care developments.

Mr Geirsson said that he had changed the design to be simpler and many of the apartments would have a view of the sea. They would have tinted glass balconies and there would also be a fin at the front to act as a focal point and 'anchor' for the design.

The building will be render with a slate roof and there would be a lot of glass.

Communal 'sitting out' areas will also be provided around the edges of the building.

The building will be mainly on three floors but at the south west corner, it will go up to five floors in height. However, developers claim that this is the same height as the previously approved scheme.

Mr Shellum said that residents should compare the new scheme with the old proposals rather than with the open space that was there at present. He pointed out that if the new scheme is rejected, the company has until 2013 to implement its existing consent.

Plans are due to go into Bridgend County Borough Council shortly with a view to beginning building next year. Work will take about a year.

The apartments have not yet been priced because of the time involved between now and the completion of the development.

JAYNE ISAAC

Fairtrade cocktails

SUSTAINABLE WALES is organising a Fairtrade cocktail and drinks evening in Porthcawl to celebrate the county borough achieving Fairtrade Status.

The evening is being supported by The Salt House, and will take place in the pub on The Square, Porthcawl, on Wednesday, August 25, from 7.30pm.

There will be free samples of all the cocktails mixed in the demonstration, local cheeses, a Fairtrade stall, raffles and mood music.

PACT meetings

CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD and BRYNHYFRYD PACT public meeting at Westward Community Centre, Cefn Glas, Thursday, August 26, at 6pm.

LITCHARD and PENDRE PACT public meeting at Pendre Community Centre, Bridgend, on Thursday, September 2, at 6pm

MORFA TOWN PACT public meeting at Penybont Primary School, Minerva Street, on Monday, September 6, at 6.30pm.

MORFA WILDMILL PACT public meeting at the Community Centre, Wildmill, on Thursday, September 9, at 6.30pm.

FELINDRE, HENDRE and PENPRYSG (PENCOED) public meeting at the Welfare Hall, Pencoed, on Wednesday, September 15, at 6.30pm.

OLDCASTLE PACT public meeting at the Library, Brynteg Lower School on Wednesday, September 15, at 6.30pm.

BRYNTIRION, LALESTON and MERTHYR MAWR PACT public meeting at the Council Offices next to Laleston Gardening Club, Laleston, on Thursday, September 23, at 7pm.

BRACKLA PACT public meeting at Brackla Junior School, Brackla Way, Brackla, on Thursday September 30, at 6.30pm.

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For more information, telephone 01656 783093 or email professional Dylan Williams (01656 772446) Pro@pandkgolfclub.co.uk

Residents are warned of Porthcawl computer scam

A PORTHCAWL resident has warned people in the area to be on their guard against computer hackers.

Caroline Vaughan, who is secretary of the town's Civic Trust, said that she had received a number of phone calls this week from Indian call centres, asking her to check her computer because there were security issues.

"They ask for you by name and then want you to go and open up your computer.

"They tell you there's a security problem and want you to open up files.

"If you do that, they will be able to hack into your computer and steal any information in there like security passwords," she explained

Mrs Vaughan said that all the people who had spoken to her had Indian accents and she felt that they were targeting this area.

"I have had three phone calls today alone.

"One said he was from a company called Global Computer Services. They try to frighten you by saying your computer has a virus.

"Have nothing to do with it. They are looking for the back door into your computer."

Porthcawl councillor Rosemary Deere was recently the victim of a computer scam, when she answered what she thought was an e-mail from Yahoo and then hackers got in and copied her list of e-mail contacts.

They all received an e-mail purporting to come from her saying she was stranded in Malaysia and needed money sent on, as all her credit cards had been stolen.

At the time, she was home in Porthcawl.

New book evokes wartime memories

PEOPLE living in Canton during World War Two will never forget the air-raids, fears of invasion and, in some cases, the loss of a loved one.

Those times are now seen through the eyes of a schoolboy growing up in the war.

The memories are recalled in a new book Canton's War, by Keith Flynn. Priced at £10, it is a fascinating read. ***BL***

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Grateful thanks also to Canon Derek Belcher who officiated at the funeral and Andrew Thomas, Funeral Director, for carrying out all the funeral arrangements in such a sensitive and dignified manner.

Janet Nehls
22 August 1954

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Mildred (Millie)

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Comptitors had a choice of a short course (from Sandy Bay to the harbour) or the long course (to the harbour and back again).
(See next week for the results, and more photographs by Andy Chapman).

'LAST ONE IN THE WATER IS A CISSY!'

ABOVE: It's a massed start as the swimmers prepare to tackle the swim.
(PHOTOGRAPHS by ANDY CHAPMAN).

New mums may have to travel from the Vale to Bridgend

A REGIONAL Assembly Member has criticised plans to close the maternity unit at Llandough Hospital – which could mean mothers-to-be from the Vale having to make longer journeys to and from Bridgend or Cardiff.

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board says the proposals detailed in its 'Making a Difference' document will help to tackle issues such as duplication of services in Cardiff and the Vale.

Regional AM Andrew Davies told The GEM: "This decision will place a huge burden on families from the Vale, who will now have to travel for maternity services.

"With all projections showing an increase in birth rates, this decision goes against all of the assurances that were given when the original maternity unit was downgraded a couple of years ago."

Mr Davies said he was also disappointed that an important decision was announced in the Assembly in recess.

"I feel strongly that there should have been consultation with elected members before making this decision public, particularly given the implications for expectant parents.

"What is vital now is that the additional resources that have supposedly been promised for community services are identified and clearly explained.

"It will be of no benefit to introduce short term fixes, merely to placate people's concerns over the unit's closure."

Mr Davies and the Vale's MP Alun Cairns met the University Health Board's chief executive last Wednesday, August 11, to voice their reservations about what was happening.

The Cardiff and Vale University Health Board chief executive, Jan Williams, confirmed she had met local politicians to discuss their concerns and outline the plans in more detail.

Mrs Williams explained: "The UHB proposal to transfer the midwifery-led unit at University Hospital Llandough to the University Hospital of Wales needs to be set in the context of our commitment to maintaining choice for pregnant women, while also tackling the duplication of services across the Vale and Cardiff.

"This proposal in no way weakens our commitment to the midwifery-led model of care, and women will continue to have a choice about where to give birth; at home, at UHW in either a midwife-led or consultant-led unit, or at a hospital in a neighbouring health board area.

She pointed out: "Of the some 6,700 babies born in Cardiff and the Vale last year, only around six per cent were born at Llandough."

TIM CHAPMAN

Heart charity says 'thanks a million!'

I AM writing to say a special thank you to all your readers who have contributed to the appeal between The British Heart Foundation (BHF) and the Home Retail Group (owners of Argos and Homebase) which has raised over £3 million for the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

This partnership has raised money to place life-saving defibrillators across the UK, 66 of which have been awarded in Wales.

Argos and Homebase employees and customers in Wales raised money for the BHF by arranging store fundraising events and taking part BHF events including 'Wear Red' days for National Heart Month and The Big Donation.

I am delighted to say the partnership has been incredibly successful and to raise more than £3 million in two years is a fantastic achievement.

Staff and customers in Wales should be extremely proud, as thousands of heart attack sufferers will benefit from rapid response treatment.

Everyone associated with the BHF will always be grateful for their support for what was our most successful fundraising partnership to date.

Aneesha Moreira (Director of Fundraising at the BHF)

Village show

THE fifth village show to be held in Llancarfan takes place this Saturday, August 21.

The results of the judging will be on show to the public from 2pm, and Cups and the RHS Banksian Medal will be presented at 3pm.

This year's show will include a marquee where cream teas will be served. For further information, call Sue Taylor on 01446 781337.

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Deadline for Motor Cars is 12 noon on Tuesday

Articles For Sale

ADVERTISE HERE for up to 4 weeks for 50p a word plus VAT. To take advantage of this offer simply either send in your description along with a cheque for the appropriate amount made payable to "The Glamorgan Gem" at The Gem, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or telephone us with your wording by 12 noon Tuesday. All major credit cards accepted. Tel 01446 774484. Advert must contain a residential land line telephone number. You may alter your advert as items are sold. **Sorry no refunds are given.**

COFFEE TABLE with drawers £50. Tel: 01446 796715. **(34)**

TWO DOUBLE BEDS and two bedside tables, Ikea 2 seater settee, all 6 months old, electric bathmaster, various furniture items, no reasonable offers refused. Tel: 07703 542735. **(34)**

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WHEELCHAIR Suit up to 18 stone. Stainless steel frame, used twice, as new, bought for £300. Sell for £100. Tel: 01656 862594. **(34)**

SINGLE BED Converts into double bed. Hardly used, vgc, buyer collects £40. Tel: 01446 738991. **(34)**

13ft TRAMPOLIN - £20. Tel: 01446 760379. **(33)**

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DINING TABLE 1920's Georgian style solid mahongany dining table with 2 central pedestal legs. Measures 6' x 3' plus 18" leaf. Excellent condition. Tel: 01446 772680. **(33)**

WHEELCHAIR, push-type, small wheels, used three times - £80 ono. Tel: 01446 408198. **(33)**

TELEVISION STAND, new, with two doors with two shelves - £40. Tel: 01446 796715. **(33)**

BOYS BICYCLE suit 5 to 8 year old, good condition, cost £99, 6 months ago, bargain - £20. Tel: 01446 774557. **(33)**

TWO SEATER and 3 seater black leather settees and large puffee - £200. Super king size bed and headboard - £50. Two navy chesterfield settees - £200, navy armchair - £45. Pine chest of drawers - £50. Tel: 01446 412419. **(33)**

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EXTENDING wooden dining table and 4 matching chairs - £120. Tel: 01656 667931. **(32)**

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MINATURE pedestal table, wheeled sewing box - £15. Tel: 01446 740817 **(31)**

NETBALL CLUB PREPARES FOR THE NEW SEASON

LLANTWIT Major netballers have had a well deserved rest after battling through the Bridgend Winter league.

The A team successfully retained their position in the A division, and the B team, made up of predominantly younger players, established themselves in the B league and finished the season with some excellent victories to their credit.

The club had a number of players who were successful in gaining places in the county squad. They were: Emily Cooper, Lizzie Thomas, Jody Ackland, Lizzie Davies, Aimee Price and Anna Griffin, who was named most improved under-18 county player of the year.

The club also had a number of players who are very close to achieving their umpiring qualification. These were Bethan Evans, Nicola Fleig, Alison Harding, Hayley Phillips and Sarah Thomas. Bethan Evans has shown great commitment as player, coach and, together with Sarah Thomas, chief fundraisers.

A club spokeswoman said: "I would like to thank Bethan Evans (coach), Malvina Wiley (treasurer) and Bethan Summers (secretary) for their hard work this season, together with the rest of the committee, players and supporters.

"I would also like to say a special thank you to some of the founder club members that are leaving to go to university this autumn. They have been extremely loyal to the club and will be missed. Good luck to Emily Cooper, Lizzie Thomas, Anna Griffin, Bethan Lewis, Alys Richardson and Sarah Williams.

Training starts again on Wednesday, September 1, 6pm-8pm at Llantwit Major Leisure Centre. All players young (min 13 years) and old are welcome whether you are experienced, novice or just want a good run around!

Contact Kath Richards on 01446 792118 for further information.

Emily Cooper, Lizzie Thomas, Anna Griffin and Bethan Lewis.

Bowlers are on song in the Munro Cup

LLANTWIT completed their Munro Cup fixtures on Wednesday with another win against Murch by 93-42 shots. This means Llantwit finish as runners up in the Cup, a fine effort.

Graham Jones's rink had the best win with good all round play by the team scoring 32 shots over 18 ends.

Mick Aplin's rink had a good win despite the absence of the regular skip with a winning margin of 24 shots.

Neville Young's rink were 13-1 up and looked set for a win, then Murch changed to very short jacks which flummoxed Llantwit turning the game around to win by one shot.

Alan Gibbard's rink started off well and were well ahead then Murch came back at them with Llantwit just staying in front by three shots.

Rink Scores GJ 32-7, MA 29-5, NY 16-17, AG 16-13.

Llantwit who were already assured of finishing top of the league, travelled to runners up contenders Beddau on Saturday.

Llantwit put on a disappointing display after their fine efforts of recent weeks with only the captain's rink coming away with a win losing the match 80-65.

This meant Beddau would be promoted with Llantwit to the second division.

Charles Hiscock's rink, the only ones showing their usual form, were behind at the start then took control to win by seven shots.

Neville Young's rink put up a good fight, but eventually went down by three shots.

Alan Gibbard's rink started badly and were always in arrears with the Beddau skip putting in some good shots.

Llantwit at one stage were nine shots down and reduced it to seven by the end.

Graham Jones's rink were in front up to the halfway stage then the game turned Beddau's way to win by 12 shots.

Rink Scores: CH 22-15, NY 16-19,AG 15-22, GJ 12-24.

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Lady bowlers rack up points

LAST Thursday, Llantwit ladies travelled to Barry Central BC for a league match. They won on two rinks and lost on one, gaining eight out of 10 points.

The rinks were Edna Hardie, Barbara Lewis, Jean Voss and Etta Gray 18-15; Kay Johnes, Peggy Pike, Carol Willmot and May Davies 12-18; Liz Crouch, Ann Mutlow, Margaret Morgan and Marian Lewis 26.-13.

On Friday, members welcomed Bridgend Municipal BC to the green for the last Cowbridge Challenge Shield of the season. This was again a re-arranged match due to the weather.

Llantwit's bowlers won on all rinks and gained 10 points.

The rinks were Liz Crouch, Ann Mutlow, Etta Gray and Margaret Morgan 16-7; Kay Johnes, Peggy Pike, May Davies and Carol Willmot 17-9; Edna Hardie Marian Lewis, Val Baelz and Jean Voss 17-10.

THE BLACKSMITHS ARMS GOLF SOCIETY

Triumph for Willey is a Mwstwry!

THE BLACKSMITHS Arms (Llanmaes) golf society's latest sojourn was to the Coed y Mwstwr Golf Club, where the mature parkland course and friendly welcome make it an admirable society venue.

The threeball of Geoff Smith, Andy Wilkey and Steve Hayward performed well with Hayward picking up second place prize with 37 stableford points.

However, talk of the clubhouse was of the Gary Nealon, Gareth John and Chris Willey trio.

Nealon, whose renowned powers of recovery are on a par with Lazarus, emerged from between trees, under bushes, beneath hedges (and some insist from the middle of a lake!) to pepper the pin.

His 32 points, however, fell well short of the 43 points scored by the competition winner, newcomer Willey (who insisted beforehand that his only previous golfing experience was putting over the hump back bridge and through the clown's mouth at Barry Island!)

John took nearest the pin award, while Willey, recently arrived from Mexico via Cowbridge, won the longest drive prize on an excellent golfing day played in south Wales sunshine.

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PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE OF DE-DESIGNATION OF COWBRIDGE WITH LLANBLETHIAN CONSERVATION AREA AND DESIGNATION OF COWBRIDGE CONSERVATION AREA AND LLANBLETHIAN CONSERVATION AREA

Notice is hereby given, under section 70(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 that The Vale of Glamorgan Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Local Planning Authority") has by a resolution passed on 7th July 2010, de-designated the area previously designated as the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Conservation Area and has designated two new conservation areas to be known as Cowbridge Conservation Area and Llanblethian Conservation Area as referred to in Schedules 2 and 3 hereto. These areas are considered by the Council to be of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve and enhance.

The effect of the designations are as follows:

1. Conservation area consent will now be required for the demolition of all unlisted buildings (other than excepted buildings) in the designated area;
2. Planning applications for development which would in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority affect the character or appearance of the designated area must be given publicity and representations received as a result of the publicity must be taken into account in determining the application;
3. It becomes an offence subject to certain exceptions to cut down, top, lop, uproot, willfully damage or willfully destroy any tree in the area except with the consent of the Local Planning Authority within the designated area;
4. The Local Planning Authority are now under a duty to formulate and publish proposals for the presentation and enhancement of the designated area.
5. The restrictions above (1 – 4) no longer apply to areas that no longer form part of a designated area.

Plans showing the boundaries of the Conservation Areas and copies of the Character Appraisal and Management Plan defining the special character of the areas are available for inspection during office hours at the office of the Director of Environmental and Economic Development, Planning and Transportation, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry. Alternatively, they can be viewed and downloaded from the Vale of Glamorgan Council's website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Rob Thomas, Head of Planning and Transportation
Vale of Glamorgan Council

Schedule 1

The Cowbridge with Llanblethian Conservation Area as designated in October 1970 is de-designated in its entirety.

Schedule 2

(Properties forming part of the Cowbridge Conservation Area)
Aberthin Road: No's 1 – 2
Aubrey Terrace, Cae Stumpie: No's 1 – 7
Broadway: No's 2 and 4
Cardiff Road: No's 1 – 11, East Court, Eastfield House, Edmondes Arms, New House, Old School House, Quarry Cottage, Solus, The Stables
Church Street: No's 6 & 7, 1 – 8 The Old Grammar School, Salt House, Holy Cross Church, Duke Of Wellington Mews, Moat House, Flint House, Coach House, Brew House, 1 – 13 The Range
Coopers Lane: No's 1 - 7
Croft Street: No's 1 – 11
Croft Terrace: No's 1 – 6, No's 1 – 6 Eastgate Mews
Druids Green: Druids Green Cottage,Shield Cottage
Eagle Lane: Coach House, Eagle Cottage, Somerset House
Eastgate: No's 1 – 91, 1 Melbourne Close
Geoffrey Ashe Court: No's 1 – 17
High Street: No's 2 – 10, 14 – 66, (evens), 1 – 81 (odds), Old Hall, Brewery Cottage, Cowbridge Health Centre, Cowbridge Library, Woodstock House, Hurrans Garden Centre, Old Brewery, The Courtyard Studio, 1 – 5 Riverside Mews
Limes Court: No's 1 – 6
North Road: 1 – 3 Honeysuckle Cottages, 1 – 3 Taynton Mews, 1 – 6 Woodstock Mews, Arther John And Co, Vale Forge, 1 – 4 North Road Mews, 1 Glenfield Cottage, Ornamental Stoneware, No 41, Stockwood Mews, The Stables, Prospect Cottage
Penny Lane: No's 1 – 7 and Britannia House
Primrose Hill: Eastfield Cottage
South Gate: Rose Cottage,The Poplars
The Broad Shoard: Broadgate House, Coedfryn, Garden House, Ramoth United Free Church Hall
The Butts: No's 1 – 4
The Limes: No's 1 – 11, Waterway Cottage, Ty Nant, Ty Gwyn, 1 – 3 The Old Chapel, Riverside Mews, Limes Gate Cottage, Greystones, Glan-Yr-Afon, 2 – 6 Limes Court, Limes Court Lodge, Limes Court Mews
Town Hall Square: No's 1 – 3, Taynton Cottage
Veritys Court No's No's 1 – 5, The Vale Barn, Rose Cottage, The Old Wool Barn
Westgate No's 1 – 27 (Odds), No's 2 – 46 (Evens) Brohedyn, Burradoo, Court Cottage, Diamond House, Eagle House, Greystones, Llwyn Onn, Park House, Police Station, Stafford Coach House, Sweetings, The Court House, Trefaen, Ty Dafydd, West Orchard House
Willow Walk: No's 1 – 5

Schedule 3

(Properties forming part of the Llanblethian Conservation Area)
Bridge Road: Great House, The Chippings, The Old Barn, The Old Orchard, Mardy Cottage, Highfield House, Nantlais, Ashdene, Ashley Cottage, Westfield House, Tregegin, Camvale, Chiltern, Church Hall, Brook Cottage, Ger Y Nant
Broadway: Bridge House
Castle Hill: Greenfield, Llanblethian Castle, Castle Cottage, St Quentins House, Greenways, Highbank, Kingscombe, Argoed, Dulcie Domum, Brynhyfryd,
Castle Mews: No's 1 - 3
Causeway Hill: Ty-Nant, Westcliff, Causeway House, Tanyfron, Glanrhyd
Church Road: The Coach House, The Cross, The Old Vicarage, Picton House, High Beeches, Highgate, Old Barn Cottage, Hillcot House, Llanblethian House, The Stables, Cross Cottage, Chy Avallon, Dan Y Coed, Broomhill, St Bleddian Church, 1 – 2 Llanblethian House,
Cwrt Llanfleiddan: No's 1 – 4
Factory Road: Greystones, The Longfield, The Malthouse, Maltsters, Northcote, Highcroft, Leys Cottage, Meadow View, Kingscombe Cottages, Ashdene, Belgrave House, Windsor House, Westbrook, Westbury, Ty Brenin, Factory House, Curload, Delfan, Dunelm, 1 – 2 The Bungalow, 1 – 2 Kingscombe Cottages, 1 – 2 The Malthouse, No 3 Factory Road
Greenfield Way: Greenfield Paddocks, Hafan Gwyn, The Old Bakehouse, Mill Cottage, Fairways, Bondehurst, Corneddi
Llanmihangel Rise: No's 1 - 5
Love Lane: The Quintain, Porth Y Green House
Piccadilly: River Cottage, Rose Cottage, Half Moon Cottage, Lansdowne, Hill Drop, Hillside, Pen Y Garreg, Kenley, Ar Yr Mynydd, Aeolian, Afon Ladrad, Trengale, Dan Y Graig, Brook House, Brooklyn, Coopersale House, River Cottage, Ger Y Nant, Glanavon
St Quentins Hill: The Firs, The Mill, New Haven, Castle Edge, The Cairns, St Quentins Cottage, 4 St Quentins Hill
Stallcourt Close: Stallcourt House, The Paddock, Stallcourt Mews,
The Causeway: Riversdale Cottage, The Glebe, Pleasant View, Pretoria Cottages, Lyndale, Duffryn House, Bute Cottage, Tadwick Cottage, Smallbrook Cottage, The 1 – 4 The Causeway
Town Mill Road: Little Mill Cottage, Old Town Mill, Townmill Cottage.

Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan Schools year-7 track and field championships, Jenner Park, Barry

TROTMAN BAGS THREE TITLES

TOM TROTMAN underlined his potential with a three title haul at the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan year-7 Boys' championships, held at Jenner Park.

The Cowbridge pupil first made his mark at the Aviva Welsh Sportshall Final at Cwmbran in March when he won the under-13 'four laps title', competing against year-8 pupils.

At these championships, held in sunny but blustery conditions, he set a new championship best in the high jump, adding two centimetres to the 1.51 metres mark set by Gareth Allen (Llantwit) in 1995, and then went on to claim the shot with a best put of 10.04 metres, and take the 100 metres with a 12.7 run to win heat four and a 12.8 clocking in the A final, in the process, providing 51 points in the team competition.

Richard Dangerfield, who represented the district at the Aviva Welsh Schools' National cross-country championships at Brecon in February, was another to gain good points. His sixth place in the 200, second place in the discus and victory in the javelin earned 43 of the Llantwit total of 91.5.

Although the problem has since been resolved by the Vale Council buying a new supply of hurdles, when this competition was held, there were only sufficient hurdles for five lanes of eight flights, so only five athletes could compete in heats and finals.

Dan Oddy claimed the 75 metres hurdles title for Cowbridge, but the Vale school could not retain the team title, having to settle for second behind Llanishen High.

Because of statutory tests in the Cardiff schools, the girls' championships, which were held on a different afternoon, had to be brought forward and, as a result, a number of schools were unable to compete – only 20 schools taking part.

In the individual events, the Vale girls found the competition very tough. Ana Mirza-Davies (Stanwell), another pupil who has represented Cardiff & the Vale over the country, took the 800 metres title with a 2:48.3 run in her time trial, while Jen Watt (St Richard Gwyn) won the long jump with a 4.24 metres leap, and Paige Williams (Cowbridge) had a best put of 7.65 metres to top the two shot pools.

Although they only finished second in their heat, the Cowbridge relay squad improved to take top spot in the A relay final, a performance which, on the provisional results, puts the Vale school in first place in the team competition. If that placing is confirmed, it will be the first Cowbridge victory in this section since 1997.

The association records its thanks to the PE department at Barry Comprehensive for hosting the boys' competition and to the PE departments at Bryn Hafren and St Richard Gwyn for organising the girls' fixture.

The individual winners are due to get their championship award at the annual track and field presentation evening, to be held at Cardiff High School, starting at 7pm. Originally, it was intended that the event would be held on Tuesday, September 7, but, given that the Vale schools do not start term until September 6, there is a possibility that the event will be put back to Tuesday, September 14.

Vale performances:
Year-7 Boys' Championships – 100: Ht 1: Ws 3.1 5 Jac Elias-Williams (Bro M) 14.3; 6 Redwan Islam (St Cy) 15.3; Ht 2: Ws 4.5 3 Rhydian Hopkins (Bro M) 14.4; 6 Alkassim Mahyoub (St Cy) 15.3; Ht 3: Ws 2.1 3 William Brown (Stan) 14.0; Ht 4: Ws 2.0 1 Tom Trotman (Cow) 12.7; 2 Callum Mickelsen (Barry) 13.0; 5 Lloyd James (St RichG) 14.5; Ht 5: Ws 2.2 2 Kieran Webber (St RichG) 13.6; 3 Bradley Abraham (Lwt) 13.6; 4 Joseph Treharne (Cow) 13.6; 7 Kyle Henderson (Barry) 15.0; Ht 6: Ws 2.0 1 Alex Hill (Lwt) 13.9; A Fin: No WS 1 Tom Trotman (Cow) 12.8; 3 Callum Mickelsen (Barry) 13.0; B Fin: No WS 2 Kieran Webber (St RichG) 13.7; 5 Bradley Abraham (Lwt) 14.1; C Fin: No WS 1 Alex Hill (Lwt) 13.7; 3 Joseph Treherne (Cow) 13.7.
200: Ht 1: Ws 1.2 4 Benjamin Jones (Cow) 30.5; Ht 2: Ws 1.5 3 Nathan Robson (Cow) 29.5 Ht 3: Ws 2.8 4 Luke Dawe (St RichG) 30.9; Ht 4: Ws 4.1 1 Lloyd James (St RichG) 28.5; Ht 5: Ws 2.3 1 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 28.1; 3 Rhydian Hopkins (Bro M) 31.0; 4 Jordan Driscoll (St Cy) 32.1; Ht 6: Ws 2.4 2 Amin Ullah (Barry) 30.7; 3 Rhys Hunter (Bro M) 31.3; 5 Sam Nilsen (Stan) 32.5; Ht 7: Ws 3.0 3 Kwabena Fordjour (Stan) 30.9; 5 Cameron Davies (Lwt) 33.3; Ht 8: Ws 2.3 1 Luke Pemberthey (St Cy) 30.6; 3 Harry Lambert (Barry) 33.0; A Fin: Ws 3.4 6 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 29.1; B Fin: Ws 0.6 ; 3 Lloyd James (St RichG) 28.9; C Fin: Ws 2.1 ; 3 Harry Lambert (Barry) 32.2.
800: 4 Rhys Knight (Stan) 2:38.1; 6= Kristian Jones (Cow) 2:40.0; 8 Regan Poole (St Cy) 2:43.6; 9 Alex Love (Cow) 2:43.7; 18 Luke Dawe (St RichG) 2:53.9; 20 Gavin Lewis (Bro M) 2:54.2; 23 Josh Kemp (Barry) 2:56.3; 28 William Rees (Bro M) 2:58.6; 30 Harry Lambert (Barry) 2:59.4; 31= Zac Dyer (Stan) 3:01.3; 35 Leban Osman (St Cy) 3:07.8,
1,500: 3 Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 5:19.0; 11 Richard Stephens (St Cy) 5:30.0; 12 Sean Mayor (Barry) 5:30.7; 17 Ellis Rosser (Cow) 5:39.5; 18 Andrew Greenslade (St RichG) 5:41.3; 26 Ruben Bryl (Bro M) 5:48.1; 27 Keelan Jones (Bro M) 5:48.3; 29 Huw Bennett (Cow) 5:52.9; 36 Morgan Davies (St RichG) 6:18.7.
75H: Ht 1: Ws 1.9 2 Luke Swain (Bro M) 16.6; 3 Josh Dawe (St RichG) 16.7; Ht 2: WS 1.4 2 Rhys Hunter (Bro M) 14.7; 5 Sam Davies (St RichG) 18.6; Ht 3: Ws 0.7 1 Richard Stephens (St Cy) 14.0; 2 Nicholas Rees (Cow) 16.4; 3 Eric Aydin (Stan) 18.1; 5 Jac Ursell (Stan) 26.6; Ht 5: Ws 3.5 1 Dan Oddy (Cow) 13.2; Ht 6: Ws 0.6 1 Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 14.0; 4 Amin Ullah (Barry) 15.1; A Fin: Ws 2.8 1 Dan Oddy (Cow) 13.4; 2 Richard Stephens (St Cy) 13.7; 3 Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 13.7; B Fin: Ws 1.6 5 Rhys Hunter (Bro M) 16.4; C Fin: Ws 3.2 2 Amin Ullah (Barry) 15.5; 3 Cahal Brangham (St Cy) 15.6.
4x100: Ht1: 4 Barry 57.6; 5 St Cyres 62.0; Ht2: 1 Llantwit Major 56.0; 3 Bro Morgannwg 59.8; Ht3: 1 Cowbridge 55.3; 4 Stanwell 58.4; Ht 4: 2 St Richard Gwyn 58.3; A Fin: 2 Cowbridge 55.7; 4 Llantwit Major 56.4; B Fin: 2 Barry 58.3; 3 Stanwell 58.8; 6 St Richard Gwyn 60.9.
1,000 Walk: 5 Cahal Brangham (St Cy) 6:33.5; 9 Toby Walker (Cow) 6:42.2; 10 Dylan Mills (Barry) 6:45.8; 11 Reece McLelland (St Cy) 6:47.6; 12 Iwan Baker (Bro M) 6:48.0; 13 Mabon Evans (Bro M) 6:48.8; 14 John Wardle (Barry) 6:55.7; 16 Kyle Heron (St RichG) 6:59.6; 18 Will Eddy (Barry – ns) 7:01.0; 19 Josh Hopkins (St RichG) 7:01.3.
HJ: 1 Tom Trotman (Cow) 1.53 cbp ; 4 Rhys Evans (Bro M) 1.30; 10= Alex Hill (Lwt) 1.20; 12= Elliot Morris-Devred (Barry) 1.20; 12= Zac Dyer (Stan) 1.20; 15 Gabriel Cleary (Barry) 1.20; 20 Jordan Driscoll (St Cy) 1.15; 29 Luke Swain (Bro M) 1.10; 33 Eric Aydan (Stan) 1.05; 34 Nicholas Rees (Cow) 1.05; 35 Josh Hopkins (St RichG) 1.05.
LJ: 3 Joseph Treharne (Cow) 4.47; 4 Bradley Abraham (Lwt) 4.37; 5 Callum Mickelsen (Barry) 4.30; 11 Alex Hill (Lwt) 4.06; 12 Luke Swain (Bro M) 4.03; 17 Cahal Brangham (St Cy) 3.84; 18 Christian Jones (Cow) 3.82; 21 Josh Gibson (St RichG) 3.77; 23 Jordan Driscoll (St Cy) 3.74; 25 David Konstantinou (Stan) 3.67; 28 Ben Tanner (Stan) 3.63; 34 Kyle Heron (St RichG) 3.50; 39 Rhys Hunter (Bro M) 3.30.
SP: 1 Tom Trotman (Cow) 10.04; 6 Matthew Osbourne (Barry) 7.44; 10 Kieron Webber (St RichG) 7.11; 14 Cai Thompson (Barry) 6.98; 20 Nathan Robson (Cow) 6.75; 24 Jack Pickford (St Cy) 6.50; 25 Shaun Jones (Bro M) 6.46; 28 Edward Drake (Stan) 6.17; 29 Jac Davies (Bro M) 6.13; 34 Callum Gully (St RichG) 5.80; 39 Aaron Randle (St Cy) 5.46.
DT: 2 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 21.25; 5 Craig Boxall (Cow) 17.88; 6 Kelly Deguzman (St Cy) 16.49; 10 Julian Buzzwell (Lwt) 15.54; 14 Owen Gibbons (Bro M) 14.24; 16 Will Eddy (Barry) 13.06; 21 Joshua Dace (St RichG) 11.03.
JT: 1 Richard Dangerfield (Lwt) 34.92; 5 Lewis Adams (St Cy) 24.75; 9 Callum Gully (St RichG) 21.94; 11 Michael Andrew (Cow) 20.54; 12 Julian Boswell (Lwt - ns) 20.35; 16 Fabian Britten (Barry) 18.84; 22 Iwan Baker (Bro M) 14.99; 24 Ben Tanner (Stan) 13.83.
Team: 2 Cowbridge 149.5; 7 Barry 110.5; 8 Llantwit 91.5; 10 St Cyres 76; 13 Bro Morgannwg 43; 14 St Richard Gwyn 39; 19 Stanwell 25.5.
Year-7 Girls' Championships – 100: Ht 1: 4 Evie Carter (Bro M) 16.3; 6 Alisha Thomas (St RichG) 16.9; Ht 2: 3 Kerys Jenkins (Bro M) 15.8; 5 Rebecca Gill (St RichG) 16.4; Ht 3: 2 Ellie Bishop (Cow) 14.9; 6 Sally Wheatley (St Cy) 17.0; Ht 4: 2 Ellie Eddy-Williams (Cow) 14.9; 4 Emily Hill (St Cy) 15.3; Ht 5: 2 Molly Brown (Lwt) 14.7; 3 Chelsea Hutcheon (Bryn H) 14.9; 4 Emma Davies (Stan) 15.2; Ht 6: 1 Megan James (Bryn H) 15.0; 3 Tehina Baker (Lwt) 15.3; Ht 7: 2 Tizzie Birch-hurst (Stan) 15.6; A Fin: 3 Ellie Bishop (Cow) 14.6; 4 Molly Brown (Lwt) 14.7; B Fin: 3 Ellie Eddy-Williams (Cow) 15.3; 4 Chelsea Hutcheon (Bryn H) 15.4; 6 Megan James (Bryn H) 15.6; C Fin: 3 Emma Davies (Stan) 15.5; 5 Tehina Baker (Lwt) 15.7.
200: Ht 1: 2 Kerys Jenkins (Bro M) 32.1; 3 Hayley Stroud (Stan) 32.5; 4 Alex Hopkins (Bryn H) 33.8; 5 Jessica Mitchell (Lwt) 34.3; 6 Alesha O'Connor (St RichG) 34.4; Ht 2: 4 Hanna Davies (Bro M) 36.2; 6 Alix Goodfellow (Bryn H) 41.1; Ht 3: 6 Georgia Green (St Cy) 36.3; Ht 4: 5 Manlan Tse (St Cy) 35.8; Ht 5: 1 Ambra John (St RichG) 30.7; 2 Tamara Pitt (Lwt) 31.3; 3 Brooke Langton (Cow) 31.8; Ht 6: 2 Sally Gambling (Cow) 32.3; Ht 7: ; 3 Hazel Doran (Stan) 32.7; A Fin: 3 Amber John (St RichG) 30.1; 5 Tamara Pitt (Lwt) 31.9; B Fin: 3 Kerys Jenkins (Bro M) 32.4; 5 Sally Gambling (Cow) 32.8; 6 Brooke Langton (Cow) 33.6; C Fin: 1 Hazel Doran (Stan) 32.4; 5 Hayley Stroud (Stan) 33.5.
800: 1 Anastasia Mirza-Davies (Stan) 2:48.3; 2 Kayla Huggins (Bryn H) 2:48.7; 4 Maisie Squire (Stan) 2:50.4; 5 Alice Tudor (Cow) 2:53.0; 8 Mali O'Donnell (Bro M) 3:00.3; 13 Charlotte Webber (Bryn H) 3:05.3; 14 Sally Wheatley (St Cy) 3:08.7; 20 Laurie Thomas (Cow) 3:15.0; 21 Heulwen Hill (St RichG) 3:15.7; 22 Manlan Tse (St Cy) 3:16.1; 24 Megan Davies (Bro M) 3:19.8; 32 Alisha O'Connor (St RichG) 3:36.1.
1,500: 3 Rebbeca Thomas (Cow) 5.58.9; 7 Rikki Dwyer (St Cy) 6.24.0; 9 Georgia Green (St Cy) 6.26.3; 13 Ella Emyr (Cow) 6.31.6; 17 Emily Waite (Stan) 6.42.0; 19 Madison James (St RichG) 6.48.0; 24 Matilda Matthews (Bro M) 7.05.01; 25 Jessica Cushen (Bryn H) 7.07.3; 26 Delana Davies (Bro M) 7.18.9; 28 Bethan Williams (St RichG) 7.42.5.
70H: Ht 1: 2 Ffion Byrne (Bro M) 14.3; 3 Ellie Booth (Bryn H) 14.4; Ht 2: 3 Hanna Davies (Bro M) 15.2; 4 Chelsea Hutcheon (Bryn H) 15.6; Ht 3: 2 Eve Magowan (Cow) 14.3; 3 Aimee Miller (Lwt) 14.3; 5 Georgia Smith (Stan) 17.6; Ht 4: 3 Evie Williams (Cow) 15.5; 4 Ellie Wenger (Stan) 15.7; 5 Rikki Dwyer (St Cy) 19.3; Ht 5: 2 Emma Young (Lwt) 15.6; 3 Rebecca Gill (St RichG) 15.6; Ht 6: 3 Emilly Hill (St Cy) 14.8; Ht 7: 4 Alisha Thomas (St RichG) 22.0; B Fin: 2 Ffion Byrne (Bro M) 14.5; 5 Eve McGowan (Cow) 14.9; C Fin: 3 Ellie Booth (Bryn H) 14.1; 5 Aimee Miller (Lwt) 14.4.
4x100: Ht1: 1 Bryn Hafren 61.9; 2 Bro Morgannwg 63.0; 5 St Cyres 64.7; Ht2: 3 Stanwell 60.2; 5 Llantwit Major 62.5; Ht3: 2 Cowbridge 58.9; 3 St Richard Gwyn 59.6; A Fin: 1 Cowbridge 58.7; 4 St Richard Gwyn 59.4; B Fin: 2 Llantwit Major 60.8; 3 Stanwell 60.9; 5 Bryn Hafren 61.7.
1,000 Walk: 2 Emi Bailey (St RichG) 6:33.0; 3 Katie Shields (Bryn H) 6.33.0; 8 Laurie Thomas (Cow) 6:46.1; 11 Hannah Lister-Sims (Cow) 6:52.9; 16 Amy Caterson (St RichG) nt; 26 Claudia Utley (St Cy) 7:19.1; 27 Caitlin Jones (Cow) nt; 28 Katrina Barker (St Cy) nt.
HJ: 3 Jen Wreeve (St RichG) 1.30; 5= Tamara Pit (Lwt) 1.20; 7 Brooke Langton (Cow) 1.20; 10 Emi Bailey (St RichG) 1.20; 12= Matilda Matthews (Bro M) 1.15; 15= Caitlin Jones (Cow) 1.15; 20 Betsan Jones (Bro M) 1.10; 21= Jessica Cushion (Bryn H) 1.10; 23= Carian O'Toole (Lwt) 1.10; 26= Ellie Booth (Bryn H) 1.05; 33= Georgia Atkinson (Stan) 1.00; 36 Sally Wheatley (Stan) 1.00.
LJ: 1 Jen Watt (St RichG) 4.24; 2 Chelsea Hutcheon (Bryn H) 3.97; 3 Olivia Hainzelou (Stan) 3.92; 6 Molly Brown (Lwt) 3.73; 7 Tamara Pit (Lwt) 3.73; 10 Rebecca Thomas (Cow) 3.68; 14 Ffion Burn (Bro M) 3.44; 17 Brooke Langton (Cow) 3.40; 19 Hannah Davies (Bro M) 3.31; 20 Rebecca Rahman (Stan) 3.30; 25 Olivia Yarr (St RichG) 3.17; 35 Abbie Hammett (Bryn H) 2.80; 37 Claudia Utley (St Cy) 2.50; 38 Rikki Dwyer (St Cy) 2.26.
SP: 1 Paige Williams (Cow) 7.65; 4 Georgia Morgan (St Cy) 6.87; 6 Amber Roberts (St RichG) 6.60; 8 Shellie May (Cow) 6.53; 10 Carriann O'Toole (Lwt) 6.49; 13 Ellie Pritchard (Bro M) 6.14; 16 Lily Webb (Stan) 6.04; 17 Olivia Insole (Bro M) 6.01; 23 Milly Williams (Stan) 5.69; 25 Ruth May (Lwt) 5.67; 33 Megan Hopkins (Bryn H) 5.28; 35 Mollie Lewis (St RichG) 5.03; 36 Katrina Barker (St Cy) 4.98; 39 Morgan Davies-Jones (Bryn H) 4.77.
DT: 2 Mally O'Donnell (Bro M) 16.15; 5 Emma Llewellyn (Stan) 14.91; 6 Ruth May (Lwt) 14.54; 12 Megan McNamee (Cow) 12.63; 15 Katrina Barker (St Cy) 11.14; 19 Megan Hopkins (Bryn H) 10.22; 20 Mollie Lewis (St RichG) 8.43.
JT: 2 Hannah Lister-Sims (Cow) 18.32; 3 Tizzie Birch-Hurst (Stan) 18.19; 10 Emma Young (Lwt) 15.10; 12 Katie Shields (Bryn H) 12.49; 13 Danielle Kerslake (Bro M) 12.36; 14 Georgia Morgan (St Cy) 12.00; 19 Amy Caterson (St RichG) 6.23.
Teams: 1 Cowbridge 166; 7 Llantwit 97.5; 9 St Richard Gwyn 92; 10 Stanwell 85; 12 Bryn Hafren 75; 14 Bro Morgannwg 60.5; 16 St Cyres 39.

Report: PETER MORRIS
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Start of the 800 metres time trial in which Ana Mirza-Davies (Stanwell number 22) set the fastest time to claim the title.

The final change for the Cowbridge squad which won the A final of the 4x100 relay.

Members of the Llantwit team which finished seventh.

Vale Show celebrates our rural heritage, and there's the chance to meet old friends!

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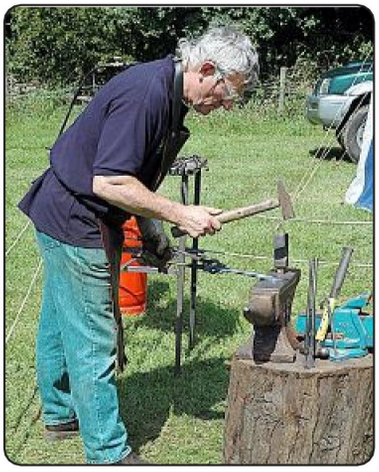
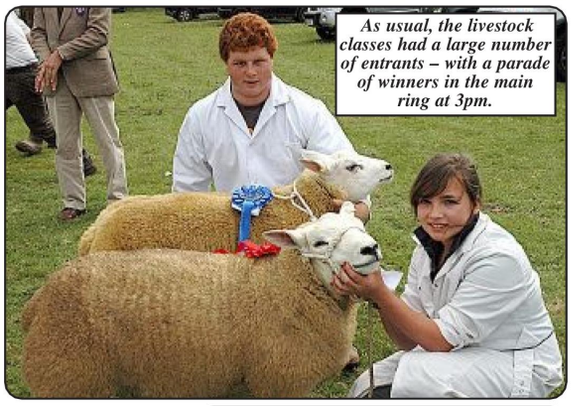
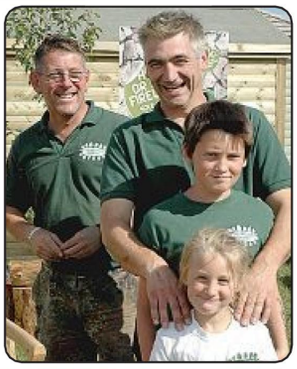




As usual, the livestock classes had a large number of entrants – with a parade of winners in the main ring at 3pm.



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08 **57 TOYOTA Prius 1.5/Hybrid T Spirit CVT Auto** in decuma grey met with full torino black leather, automatic air conditioning, sat nav, bluetooth telephone, reverse parking camera, cruise control, only 45,565 miles **£10,995**

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04 **54 MERCEDES Benz CL500 5 litre 2-dr Auto coupe.** In tanzanite blue with java leather interior with BOSE sound system, AMG body styling, electric sunroof, only 48,245 miles **£17,500**

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07 **57 HYUNDAI Coupe 2.0 SIII** in carbon grey with full red leather interior, climate control, sunroof, cruise control, alloy wheels, only 23,600 miles..... **£9,995**

07 **07 SEAT Leon 2.0 TDi DPF FR 5-dr Hatchback.** In black magic with FR grey interior, cruise control, air con, traction control system, ESP, only 36,598 miles **£12,795**

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05 **55 FORD Street Ka 1.6 Luxury 2-dr Convertible.** In French blue with ebony black leather interior, air con, cd, quick clear front screen, only 21,720 miles **£5,995**

04 **04 TOYOTA MR2 1.8 VVTi 140 6-spd** in sable grey met with Santa Monica leather, alloy wheels, chrome roll over bar, wind deflector, cd, alarm and immobiliser, only 49,750 miles **£7,495**

04 **54 AUDI A3 2.0TDi Sport 3-dr Hatchback.** In crystal blue with matrix black cloth/leather, cd, alloy wheels, climate control, electronic stability programme, only 64,000 miles..... **£9,995**

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04 **04 CITROEN C2 1.6 VTR Sensodrive** in arctic steel silver with neutron mesh interior, paddle shift, alloy wheels, air con, colour coded bumpers, rear spoiler, cd, only 62,100 miles..... **£3,995**

03 **53 AUDI TT Roadster 1.8T Quattro (225 bhp)** in raven black met with full authentic baseball leather interior, heated seats, BOSE stereo upgrade, climate control, alloy wheels, trip computer, only 58,600 miles, wind deflector and roof cover **£10,995**

03 **53 MG TF 1.8 135bhp 2-door Convertible.** In starlight silver with black interior, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, CD, electric windows, only 30,845 miles **£4,495**

02 **02 AUDI TT Roadster 1.8T Quattro (225bhp) 2-dr Convertible.** In silver with special edition grey leather interior, Bose sound system, heated seats, alloy wheels, climate control, only 70,620 miles..... **£8,995**

02 **02 MG ZS 2.5 180.** In anthracite black, with monaco ash interior with red inserts, alloy wheels, a/c, cd, colour coded bumpers, front fogs, alarm and immobiliser, only 62,310 miles..... **£2,995**

00 **W LEXUS IS200 2.0 Sport 4-Door Saloon.** In Strathcarn blue with Oakham suede/leather interior, multi-CD, electric heated seats, electric sunroof, air con, only 57,280 miles **£4,495**

FAMILY

08 **08 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Breeze 5-dr** in star silver met with tabita charcoal interior, alloy wheels, climate control, trip computer, body coloured bumpers, only 10,800 miles..... **£9,495**

07 **57 NISSAN QashQai 2.0dCi Tenka 5-dr AWD.** In pearl black metallic, with full graphite leather interior, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, cd with bluetooth, heated seats, rear parking sensors, panoramic sunroof, only 37,267 miles **£15,995**

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06 **06 FORD Focus Zetec Climate 1.8 TDCi Diesel 5-dr Hatchback.** In black with dark interior, alloy wheels, air con, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 61,199 miles, quick clean screen..... **£6,995**

06 **06 FIAT Grande Punto 1.2 Active 5-dr Hatchback** in psychedelic azure blue met wth drop grey interior, colour coded bumpers, cityy steering, electric windows, only 39,289 miles **£4,495**

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Barry seconds earn a hard fought victory

Barry 2nd XV	**24**
Lampeter 2nd XV	**22**

BARRY 2ND XV began their season's warm-up with a tough game against Lampeter at home in this eagerly anticipated tie.

With Barry finishing last season strongly, the home side were keen to continue with that momentum and began brightly.

Attempting to keep the ball alive as much as possible, the backline sizzled, under the direction of stand-off Hywel Graham.

It was the number 10's break deep into opposition territory that allowed Barry to get on the scoreboard first, with Andrew Houldey picking up the pieces to drive over. The reliable boot of Adam Lee added the extras.

Lampeter, however, were not just here to make up the numbers.

They boasted a powerful pack which they utilised expertly, and by keeping the ball in the tight they gained territory effectively. Some good Barry defending was not enough as they drove through to score.

The conversion was missed.

Realising the opposition's strength, the home side sent on veteran Gavyn Elsworth to strengthen the tight five, and tried to release ball quicker to the backs.

Ben Taylor raced clear to score in the corner at one point, only for the touch judge to disallow it for going out of play.

Grantley Harris, who was outstanding throughout with his ball-carrying and elusive pace, made up for it minutes later as he danced through to score under the posts, and Lee's conversion was a formality.

With the score 14-5 at half-time, Ben Hitchcock was brought on in place of Lloyd Dutton for his final game for Barry before his retirement.

It was, however, the away side who touched down first in the second period, as loanee Alyn Evans raced past the despairing home defence to score in the corner.

Once again the extras were not added.

Sharp incursions in midfield by Harris, Luke Bounds and substitute Ashley Adams were causing havoc in the away defence, and when Adams sent Hitchcock through he seemed destined to score in his final game, only to be held up on the line.

Soon after Bounds did get himself on the scoresheet with another probing run, but the conversion was missed.

The away side attempted to rally but were lacking in fresh legs for the latter part of the game, and had to 'borrow' further players from Barry.

Ashley Brown took advantage and stormed through several tackles to ground another unconverted try.

With the game seemingly lost for Lampeter, they redoubled their efforts and found themselves deep in Barry territory, and were rewarded with two late tries.

The score was 24-22 when another loanee, Danny Ryan, stepped up for the conversion, but unfortunately this was missed, giving Barry their first victory of the season in a finely contested game.

Team: Lee; D Williams, Harris, Bounds, Taylor; Dimond (c), Graham; Houldey, Turnbull, Brown; Dutton, Case; Barclay, Jones, Rolfe; Subs (for Barry): Adams, Chow, J. Williams, Elsworth, O'Sullivan, Manley, Hitchcock, Tobin, Harrison, C. Thomas, Haigh; Subs (for Lampeter): Ryan, Jason Thomas, Jeff Thomas, Alyn Evans, Alex Evans, Bergeron, Hollister.

Man-of-the-match: Harris.

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ABOVE:
Andrew Selby, training at GB boxing's base at the English Institute of Sport (EIS) in Sheffield, holds the boxing stamp.

Barry boxer unveils the next stamp in Olympic series

A BARRY boxer has helped launch the second of Royal Mail's London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games stamps.

Andrew Selby, who won a bronze medal at the European Amateur Boxing Championships in Moscow, was picked out to represent his sport at the launch event.

The stamps mark a key milestone in the countdown – two years to the opening ceremony to the Olympic Games.

"The latest stamp issue, subtitled 'On Track for 2012' features a fresh set of 10 dynamic images championing Olympic and Paralympic sports.

In total Royal Mail will issue 30 first class stamps in the run-up to the games. The stamps feature established sports such as hockey, boxing and football, and more recent additions including Tae Kwon Do, and BMX cycling.

ATHLETIC'S PG2 SIDE STEAL THE SPOTLIGHT

BARRY ATHLETIC'S PG2 side stole the spotlight last Saturday with an impressive 81 shots to 58 win against Windsor, Penarth at Barry Island.

The Athletic triumphed on three rinks to collect 12 vital points and continue their push for promotion.

Highlight of the win, giving the Island squad the double over the visitors, was the exciting form of skip Billy Wright and his bowlers.

With lead Eric Booker maintaining his accuracy in an outstanding season, Alan Thomas and Albert Mintern adding excellent support.

Billy's rink raced to a 22-4 score after 11 ends and eventually came home with a 33-16 success.

Skip Ivor Stevenson produced a number of saving shots in a confident display on his rink to help his lineup to a comfortable 18-9 win, while Colin Spillane's squad battled well for a 16-14 win.

The Athletics PG2 team remain in the top two in their division with their closing rearranged fixtures - against Ystradfechan, Barry Plastics and title challengers Aberdare Harlequins – all at home in the next four weeks.

The first team, also in the chase for promotion in the PG1 section, suffered a surprise defeat at Ely Valley last Saturday, beaten 77 shots to 95.

Geoff Whittaker's bowlers won on two rinks to pick up four points but there were heavy defeats for skips Chris Blake (8-36) and Glyn Thomas (16-35).

Robert Horgan (31-13) and Dean Rees (22-11) were the winning rinks for Athletic.

Robert's rink, featuring a trio of young players in Luke Stanley, Dan Jones and Kristian Harris, produced great bowling, collecting a six, five and two fours on their scorecard!

Tractor run for charity

THERE will be a vintage tractor run on Sunday, October 17 in aid of Macmillan Cancer support on Ogmore Castle field from 11.15am.

Entries close on October 11. Entrance fee (£10 per tractor) and sponsorship money – please make cheques payable to 'Macmillan Cancer support'; and send to Basil George, Ivy Cottage, Ogmore village, Vale of Glamorgan CF32 0QP.

The route is eight miles and will travel from the castle, finishing at the Pelican Inn, Ogmore Village.

Romilly bowlers are in 'sparkling' form

BARRY Romilly Bowling Club entertained Llantrisant Bowling Club at Romilly Park on Saturday for their 1st division match.

Despite a tricky green and a few rain showers the Romilly boys were in sparkling form and won the match convincingly.

Jeff Wright's rink of G Trepleton, D Bannister and G Cogbill were the hotshots of the match and won this rink 35-12.

They overwhelmed their opponents with a couple of 5s and plenty of 3s to reduce the Llantrisant players to just six ends.

Dave Wright's rink of R Cowling, K Clements and G Eastment had a powerful game and also reduced their opponents to just six ends. They led from start to finish and won this rink 28-9.

Alan Bryan's rink of J Jones, A. Freeman and M Gershenson led from start to finish and were never under pressure from their opponents with Romilly boys going on to win this rink 19-13.

Bryan Foscolo's rink of M Newman, P Gershenson and G Rees drew the short straw against a strong Llantrisant rink. Romilly led 8-5 after six ends but struggled to keep up with their opponents and lost the rink 18-22.

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If you are interested and would like more information do not hesitate to contact the secretary, Sarah Thompson on 07792 344123.

Charity day a success

A VERY successful fundraising golf day and auction was hosted by club captain Ade Hawkins and lady captain Sally Hopkins.

Thirteen teams of four players took part with much support coming from visiting teams, and while the weather was kind to the early starters, conditions became challenging as the day progressed.

An excellent display of golf was seen with the triumphant team made up of RAF St Athan GC members, Russ Brooke, BJ Hawkins, Andrew Keys and junior Kyle Harman, returning a score of 117 stableford points.

Second place went to Liz Thomas, Ann Power, Jayne Williams and Celia Grey-Scott. (RAF St Athan) – 112 points, while third place went to Dan Peters' team from N-Power – 110 points.

Following the competition, a raffle and auction was held in the clubhouse boosting the total raised to a staggering £1,780.

This is to be shared equally between Velindre Hospital (captain's chosen charity) and Hope in our Heart (lady captain's charity, raising money for specialist heart equipment in memory of Hope Thomas).

Ade and Sally would like to thank the golf club, its members and friends who made donations, as well as the local business community for their kind generosity.

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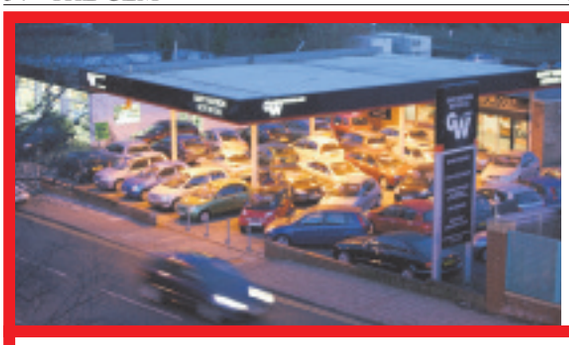

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Scorpions make the play-offs despite a last-minute defeat

SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS 16
YORK CITY KNIGHTS 18

SOUTH Wales Scorpions secured the bonus point that they needed to go through to the Co-operative Championship 1 play-offs in their very first season.

In a tight game, the Scorpions went down to a last-minute penalty to lose 18-16, but it mattered not as celebrations from both sets of fans rang around The Gnoll on the final hooter.

York's win kept them in the hunt to securing third place and a bye in the first round of the play-offs.

The visitors took the lead on only three minutes when Chris Thorman opened up a gap for Matthew Duckworth to run through from short range.

Soon after that, the game was stopped for 10 minutes following an injury to Scott Woods, son of coach Dave, following a strong tackle from Gil Dudson. He was taken to hospital with a suspected broken neck but reports after the game thankfully denied that.

When play resumed, Scorpions gained ground, thanks to a Lloyd White 40-20, but Duckworth intercepted a poor pass near to the York line and the chance was lost.

Scorpions thought they'd got a try back on 20 minutes, but Jamie Murphy's touchdown was disallowed for a forward pass from Elliot Kear, while White was held up over the line five minutes later.

York had a try disallowed, while Thorman's grubber was pounced on well by Duckworth, but it was ruled out for offside.

Scorpions finally got on the board on 27 minutes when Lloyd White kicked a penalty given for a high tackle.

From the next attack, Scorpions took the lead following a good set of six. Andrew Gay broke through the York pack and ran unchallenged to place the ball under the posts. White converted.

Waterman missed the conversion of Thorman's try, but kicked a penalty on the hooter to put York 10-8 up at the interval.

White was given a good chance to level the scores after York were penalised for interference at the play-the-ball, but he sliced his penalty wide.

However, from the restart, they went over for a try. Jamie Murphy did well to create it with a good run and Liam Roach finished the job. This time, White's two points were good and Scorpions were 14-10 up.

However, York struck back, Thorman creating the try with an excellent run and Jack Lee did well to reach out to place the ball over the whitewash. Ratcliffe converted and they were back in front.

Lloyd White levelled things for Scorpions with four minutes to go after kicking a penalty from 40 metres out, but the final word came from York with a minute to go after Danny Ratcliffe did likewise for the visitors to secure the win.

Scorpions' coach Anthony Seibold said: "To achieve a play-off position in our first year is an extraordinary feat by the young guys. The most pleasing thing is we've had 24 Welsh born and bred players and another four Welsh qualified who have turned out for us this season. It's an overachievement for us to make the play-offs this season."

In the Welsh under-13 grand final, the curtain raiser to the main event, Neath Port Talbot Steelers beat Bridgend Blue Bulls 28-24 in a thriller where the lead constantly changed hands.

Colton Jones scored a brace of tries for the Steelers. Ashley Bradley, Nathan Burbridge, David Davies and Harrison Evans, who converted twice, also went over for the local side.

The Blue Bulls were in the game all the way. Rowan Davies, Reuben Tooze, Gareth Rees-Evans, Ben Jones and Owen Watkin, who also converted twice, were the scorers for the gallant runners-up.

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Pie Boys take a 13 goal pasting

THE headlines in the Bridgend six-a-side league belong to B Attack this week, as they thumped Pie Boys 13-0 in a game where Nathan Watkins starred.

The romp was made all the more remarkable as the winners were without star man Richard Lewis and their regular keeper.

That win was enough to move them up to second spot, as leaders Croissants beat last week's second-placed side Day Sleepers 2-0, with the ever-dangerous William Canvaggia proving the difference.

No doubt about the individual performance of the day, and it was Stuart White who took the eye with five of The Bulldogs six in a 6-1 victory over Hangover Heroes. Mid-table Athletico Brackla also scored six, beating All Stars 6-0, as the All Stars struggle to adapt to life at the higher level.

Minter Phoenix moved away from the bottom of the table in division one, beating Team Extreme 4-0, while leaders Persil Boys had Dan Coine bang on the money as they squeaked home by the odd goal in five against bottom side Inter Wildmill.

Second-placed Dead End Jobs, But Football Gods are keeping the pressure on and Aaron Rogers bagged the only goal of the game against Laleston Lions.

Finally, the pick of the games elsewhere saw defender Sam Curry in hot form as his side, Hardly Athletic, beat Young Exiles 2-0.

Anyone who wants to join the six-a-side football leagues in Bridgend can ring 0845 230 2340 or visit www.leisure-leagues.net

Good weekend sees Tom stretch lead

HAVING proven that he was back on the pace in the blue riband Kartmasters meeting the weekend before, highly-rated young Bonvilston karting star Tom Harvey drove the point home in the fifth round of the Super 1 Series at Glan Y Gors, as he closed in on the British Championship crown.

Quick in the wet qualifying session, Tom placed a competitive seventh among the 32-strong MSA Cadet class field – the indisputable crème de la crème of young homegrown talent at that level – to begin both of his heat races from P5.

"I was really pleased with that, because this year I haven't had that many good qualifying sessions," the 12-year-old candidly confessed.

"I'm a much better racer than qualifier, because I can always come through the pack well.

"Both heats were incredibly close and exciting. In the first one, five of us went over the finish line absolutely together, with three on the track and two on the grass!

"Then in the second heat I was leading, but coming round a corner I got nudged into a full 360° spin."

The first final was decided on the final corner. Tom said: "Max Vaughan made a really late lunge up my inside; as he is my main threat for the championship I really didn't want him to beat me, so I held him out wide on the exit and Philip Rawson got the cut-back on both of us to win, but second place suited me fine.

"In the second final, I dropped to 13th after a terrible start, but within six laps I had fought my way up to third. I made my way into the lead and worked really hard to build a gap in the twisty infield section, but the others just towed each other back up to me again on the straight.

"The last lap turned into a bun fight, and coming down the hill someone nudged me a bit wide again and a few of them got past me, but overall I was still happy with the result."

Fifth place enabled Tom to stretch out his advantage in the title chase from 36 points to 45.

Youngsters' excellent performance

Bridgend under-14s cricket celebrates best-ever season

ABOVE: Bridgend under-14s XI only lost one match in the whole season.

PICTURED here are the successful Bridgend town Cricket Club under-14s, with coach Chris Roberts, who play in the South Wales Junior Cricket League's Zone D and were runners-up, losing one league game all season.

Their record was: Played 11, won 9, lost 1 (abandoned weather 1).

In the South Wales Junior Cricket Cup the under-14s lost to Gowerton in the semi-finals.

Congratulations to coach Chris Roberts and team on the most successful season since joining the south Wales Junior Cricket League.

CDD

Wales suffer from second half blitz

SCOTLAND won the A international Home Nations for the very first time after completing the 'Grand Slam' by beating Wales in Edinburgh on Sunday.

Scotland went into the match having won their first two fixtures against England and Ireland while the Welsh had defeated Ireland and lost to England.

Wales broke the early deadlock with a score off the back of a scrum, moving the ball wide for Gareth Howells to slide over in the corner.

Scotland capitalised on the possession with an excellent link play from Seb Trotter and Barry Earl to put Stuart Fee over. Fee converted to level the scores at 6-6.

Next, Wales centre James Allen scooted through the ruck to score under the posts. Emanuelli converted.

Scotland fought back with Massey, who broke the line, offloading to Clendenning, and then Fenton jinxed his way past the Welsh full-back to score. Fee converted.

Scotland recovered the kick from the restart but were thwarted by a Welsh charge of the fifth tackle that saw the Welsh score through Rhodri Morris score with Emanuelli converting to put Wales 18-12 up at half-time.

In the second half, the Scots found themselves 12–22 down after a kick through was gathered by Chris Holcombe who grounded.

The Scots then mounted a comeback with tries by Lomas, Wilson, Broere and Fee, and a Fee drop goal, running out winners 35-22.

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